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A Leisurely Evening In The River?



FOR AGAWAM FIREMEN RONALD SODEN and DONALD WELLS, last Saturday night's bizarre accident which resulted in a car flying into the Connecticut River was an unexpected trip into the river with the Agawam Rescue boat. SEE STORY, PICTURES - Page 11.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mrs. Doering Elected Chairwoman Of School Committee

Robert G. Doering, an 18-year member of the Agawam School Committee, regained the position she held in 1984 as the new chairwoman of the seven-member board Tuesday night.

A narrow 4-3 vote gave Mrs. Doering, a River Road resident, the chair over another long-time member, Walter Balboni, who has served for 24 years.

Mrs. Doering was nominated by outgoing chairwoman Rosemary Sandlin, who was named School Committee secretary over Louis Massoia, also by a 4-3 vote.

Also, David Cecchi, the youngest member of the School Committee, was named as board vice-chairman by a 4-3 vote.

Mrs. Sandlin served a one-year term as chairwoman. Massoia had served for six years as the board's secretary before Tuesday night's vote.

The School Committee also unanimously approved the sale of DePalma Transportation Service to Ryder Transportation Services of Warwick, Rhode Island.

The sale ended 70 years of service to the Agawam School System by DePalma Transit. School officials are confident that Ryder Transportation will continue the outstanding service to the system.

An official for Ryder told committee members Tuesday night all 25 employees of DePalma's will be retained, and no changes will be made.

Mrs. Doering suggested that a picture of the founder of DePalma Transit, Louis DePalma, should be placed in the committee's meeting room at the junior high school, due to the bus company's role in the history of Agawam and its schools.



NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE Chairwoman
Roberta Doering.

Local Committee Heads Fundraising Effort For Annie Sullivan Statue

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

A major fundraising effort of historic significance is underway in Agawam.

The objective: the purchase of an original sculpture entitled "Water," the title derived from the first word taught to Helen Keller by her devoted teacher, Annie Sullivan, a native of Feeding Hills Village. Both of these famous women are depicted in this work, a creation of Romanian-born sculptor Mico Kaufman.

The Annie Sullivan Memorial Inc., chaired by Agawam historian Marilyn Curry, met January 5th to organize their fundraising strategy. The group hopes to raise \$46,000 for acquisition of the statue.

The artist, Kaufman, is creating six different statues, all depicting Feeding Hills native Annie Sullivan. That bond with the town sparked the creation of the committee in the hopes of immortalizing a local legend.

Last spring Town Council adopted a resolution endorsing acquisition of the work, which would be placed, under Kaufman's supervision, at the Clifford M. Granger School on South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills Center.

A \$16,000 down-payment is required to purchase the statue, with the \$30,000 balance to be raised within one year of the date of deposit, according to Mrs. Curry.

Mrs. Curry indicated that she hopes to organize a whirlwind campaign of hard, fast fundraising in order to accomplish the committee's goal in half that time.

"We have to plant it in the townspeople's minds and keep it there," she said. "You can't let this kind of fundraising drag on. You have to keep it fresh and just do it."

Mrs. Curry was contacted a year ago by Dr. Jacqueline Charette of the University of Lowell. She questioned the town's possible interest in the Annie Sullivan work. Further inquiries initiated by Mrs. Curry revealed a strong local interest in the sculpture and the decision was made to "go for it," says Mrs. Curry.

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Scholarship Slated In Memory Of Diana Willard Hall

The death last Wednesday of Diana Willard Hall, long-time production manager of *The Agawam Advertiser News* and *Southwick Suffield Advertiser News* greatly saddened townspeople, many of whom she met during her 10 years on our staff.

In Diana's memory *The Agawam Advertiser News* is establishing "The Diana Willard Hall Memorial Scholarship," to be presented to two Agawam High School graduating seniors every June. The students must be entering a two or four-year college or university, with a major in art, music, theatre, or communications.

Further details will be forthcoming.

Donations may be sent to "The Diana Willard Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund," c/o Park West Bank, 1340 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Attention Deborah Banks.

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The artist Kaufman, who is 68, has held many one-man exhibits in cities around the world, including Cracow, Helsinki, Lisbon, Stockholm, Budapest, and Florence.

His works appear in permanent collections in both the Smithsonian Institute and the British Museum. He was educated in Romania and in Italy, with advance training at the Academies of Rome and Florence. Kaufman now resides in the United States and is now a U.S. citizen.

Committee members working with Mrs. Curry include James Loomis, Ann & Richard Bellico, Daniel Lacienski, Ruth Zucco, Rosalie Walsh, David Cecchi, Dorothy Plante, Frank Disco, Raymond Olson, Kay Lancour, and Tom Pennock.

Walsh Co-Sponsors Environmental Bill

Associated Industries of Massachusetts announced recently that state Representative Michael P. Walsh, D-Agawam, has co-sponsored comprehensive environmental legislation for the 1989 legislative session. The bill entitled, "Hazardous Material Waste Elimination and Management Act" would establish the most progressive hazardous waste reduction and planning program of any state in the country.

A.I.M. commended Rep. Walsh for acknowledging the need for a more aggressive hazardous waste source reduction and management planning program for Massachusetts businesses and citizens, and at the same time ensuring that federal waste site clean-up activities continue unabated, according to A.I.M. President John Gould.

"A.I.M. is pleased with the support the business community and the Legislature has given us in developing and proposing this progressive environmental legislation to deal with the state's hazardous waste management crisis," said Gould.

"I am confident that this legislation will go a long way toward reducing the amount of hazardous waste in the Commonwealth and hopefully other states will follow suit," said Walsh.

For all the hometown news, townsfolk turn our pages every week!

Family Hit By More Water Woes

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

First it was rusty water with elevated iron levels - foul smelling and foul-tasting that stained clothes, cookware, and porcelain fixtures.

Well, that problem was solved, according to a Feeding Hills couple. But now there's a new problem of a different kind - blue water.

The Karakla family of 703 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, describe their "blue water" as a "Caribbean blue - that lovely aquamarine tint that tempts visitors into tropical vacations."

Said Mrs. Dorothy Karakla, "But what happens when that's the color of your tapwater. What happens when your tub is filled and you're ready to bathe - in blue?"

Mrs. Karakla told us this is yet another phase of their year-old water woes.

It seems that the culprit this time is an undetermined electrical source that's baffling "everyone, even the people from the electric company," reports Mrs. Karakla.

According to her, a chemist from Western Mass. Electric Company said an electrical surge outside her home is responsible, but finding the source of this electrical discharge is the problem. Wiring throughout the Karakla home has been checked and no fault was found.

Independent testing by Berkshire Environmental Laboratories of water taken from the taps of the Karakla home indicate the water is "very aggressive

and corrosive," and a WMECO chemist stated, "I wouldn't want to ingest it."

Neither does the Karakla family. This electrical surge is pulling cooper off the water pipes and over time will corrode the plumbing in the house if a cause is not found and eliminated, said Mrs. Karakla, noting a report given to her by officials.

Last September *The Advertiser News* featured the Karaklas and some eight neighboring families in a "water woe" story that focused on rust-colored, foul-tasting water that occurred sporadically and necessitated the use of bottled water by many residents of that neighborhood.

While those original problems have been alleviated over the past five months, the Karaklas are still drinking bottled water. In fact, they have installed a water dispenser in their kitchen.

"The whole thing is disconcerting to say the least," says Mrs. Karakla. "How many people would want to bathe in blue water that some chemist says could be corrosive!"

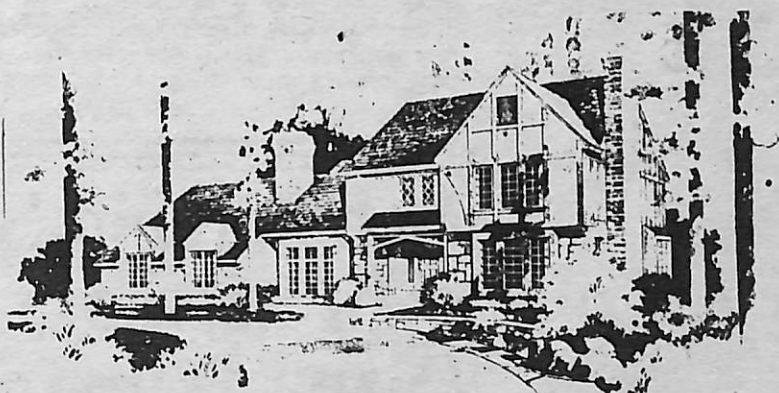
At presstime the testing continues, both by WMECO and Berkshire Laboratories. Medical evaluations performed at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington for Mrs. Karakla's kidney ailments produce no definitive connection to the water supply, but did not eliminate the water problems as a contributing factor in her case.

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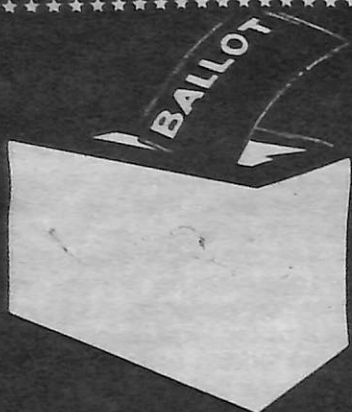
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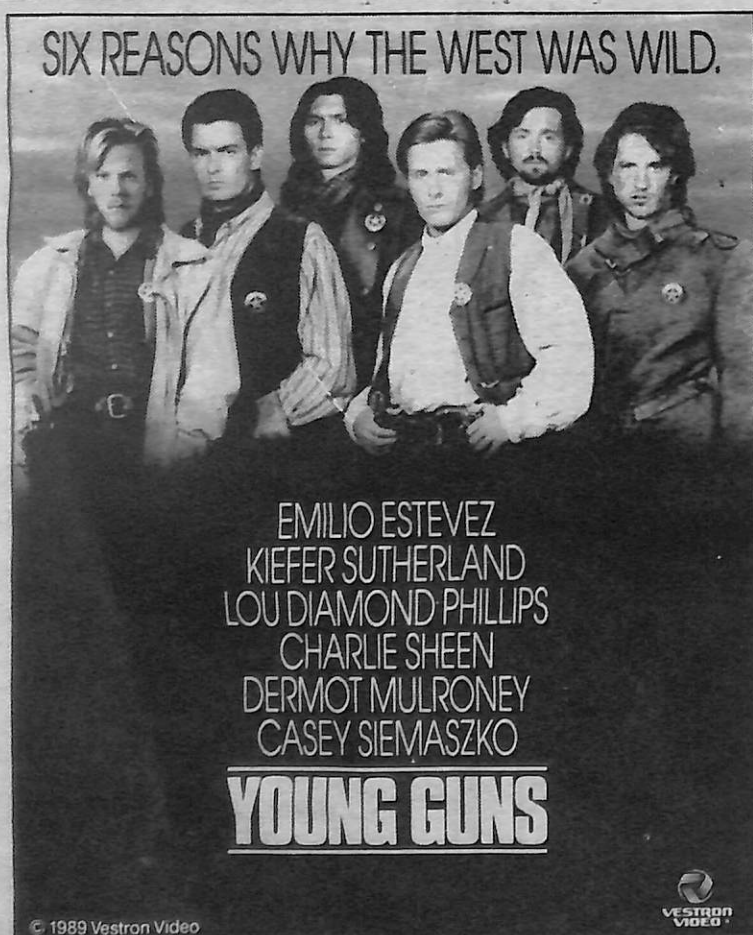
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Editorial



Can Schools Better Prepare At Risk Kids To Get/Keep Jobs?

The public schools have been criticized for not preparing students to succeed in an economy that is threatened by increasing technology and world competition. Whether the criticism is warranted or not is irrelevant. The central question is what can schools do to better prepare these students.

The educational reform movement is one response, but mainly it focuses on strengthening the school experience of students already programmed for success.

What about those young people for whom higher standards may inevitably mean even lower achievement? Experience shows that these youths with poor basic skills and poor work habits are greatly at-risk of ending up unemployed. Many of these young people are from low-income minority, or female-headed families and many do not speak English at home. The standard "bill of fare" in most public schools simply does not prepare them adequately to win a place in the highly technological and sophisticated economy. These students need extra help to enter and find success in the labor market.

In bygone days, students preparing for work who had trouble with basic academic school work were not necessarily the responsibility of the school system. Ever since they were established, public schools focused on academic skills—the three Rs. Students who could not master the three Rs often dropped out and got jobs. Their families were frequently the fallback resource that prepared them for work.

But today, unskilled and untrained young people aren't getting the kinds of jobs they once did. Far too many aren't getting any types of jobs at all. Most jobs today require more education than farm labor or factory work that was once available for the unskilled worker. The demand for unskilled labor has practically vanished in the overall labor market. Moreover, even where a few such opportunities still exist, today's youth, usually concentrated in urban areas, view those types of jobs as undesirable dead-ends, not as impor-

tant first steps in a lifetime of work. In today's circumstances, they may be right. Without basic skills, upward mobility is not only difficult to achieve in reality, it is frequently out of the question for many youth lacking a strategy for personal growth. Indeed, without knowing the behavior and attitudes expected in the workplace, even many menial labor market jobs may be closed to these young people.

Many factors contribute to this situation—the breakdown of the family, adult unemployment, drugs and alcohol abuse and the blighted conditions that exist in many urban areas. There is no point in arguing cause and effect. These conditions exist and, in the end, schools are expected to help these students, and prepare them for the world of tomorrow even though many of them come to school with a weak foundation.

Schools can do some things, but they simply are not capable and should not be expected to do the total job alone. Fortunately for us, people involved with youth unemployment are coming around to the view that the responsibility is not the school's alone. Others are beginning to understand this as well. The foremost task that schools can and must do is to provide early identification of potential at-risk youth. Then collaborative efforts with other agencies must be established and implemented to remedy whatever youthful deficits are identified before they manifest themselves as major problems. The effort to make at-risk youth self-sufficient requires commitment from all of society.

My hope for the near future is that we will hasten the day that this total commitment becomes a reality.

Leonard Rovins
President
National School Boards Association

Robinson Park PTO Says Thanks

To The Editor:

Parents of the children at Robinson Park School would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who contributed to the success of our Election Day fundraiser.

We would especially like to thank Machiko's Fitness & Tanning Center, Agawam Food Mart, Take 5 Restaurant, Ensign Coopers, Village Package Store, Major Video, Amanda's Restaurant, Feeding Hills Cleaners, Valenti's Pizza and Grinders, Feeding Hills Florist, Burgundy's Restaurant. Also Jackie Guiel and Pat O'Connor.

Robinson Park School
Election Day Fundraiser Committee

Rep. Michael P. Walsh Announces Office Hours

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) will be conducting office hours for his constituents on Friday, January 20th. They will be held at the Agawam Senior Center at Meadowbrook Manor from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All the local news with us, every week - AAN!

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of PRUDENT ASSOCIATES who are seeking a modification of Special Permit No. 1192

LEGAL NOTICE

to allow for the addition of 41 beds to a 123 bed Convalescent Home already permitted by the Board of Appeals in Special Permit No. 1192. The premises affected being 1200 SUFFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRivière, Chairman
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Agawam Democrats To Elect Delegates To 1989 Convention

Registered Democrats in Agawam will be holding a caucus on Saturday, February 4th, at 2:00 p.m., to elect delegates to the 1989 Massachusetts Democratic convention.

Agawam will be electing 15 delegates and four alternates, equally divided between men and women, to send to the Convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for Governor and President for which figures were available at the time delegate tabulations were prepared.

Ruth E. Zucco, Agawam chairwoman, will call the caucus at the Agawam Public Library. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register and media representatives. The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the caucus are those who are registered Democrats in the ward or town as of December 30th, 1988. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must also be present, voting and give his or her written consent to be nominated and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the local caucus.

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute on his/her behalf one sheet of paper listing qualifications and ideas.

Slate-making is allowed, but no special preference shall be given to slates. There is no quorum requirement for the caucus.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, philosophical persuasion or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed in writing with the Compliance Review Commission, c/o The Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, 11 Beacon Street, Suite 426, Boston, MA, 02108, no later than February 6th, 1989.

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Thursday, January 19th
Agawam Planning Board
Agawam Public Library
7:15 P.M.

Tuesday, January 24th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
7:15 P.M.

Wednesday, January 25th
Board of Appeals
Public Library
7:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 26th
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Ag. Police Blotter For Last Week

On January 2nd, **Laurie Pollard**, 73 Glenwood Drive, Westfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Sergeant Gary Nardi.

On January 5th, **James Potter**, 159 Mallard Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Brian Connor.

On January 5th, **Robert F. Couture**, 4 Independence Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Letellier, Robert Landers, and Mark Pfau.

On January 5th, **Donald J. Hatzipetro, Jr.**, 491 Southwest Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Don Gallerani and Brian Connor.

On January 6th, **Norman R. Babineau**, 350 Meadow Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Steve Draghetti.

On January 6th, **Benito Dones**, 2789 Main Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance (cocaine) with intent to distribute. Arresting officers were Detective Sergeant Kenneth Grady, Detective Alan Collins, Detective Anthony Malone, Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr., and Detective Tom Marmo.

On January 6th, **Mark A. Perillo**, 36 Central Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with two outstanding warrants. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr. and Auxiliary Officer Grasso.

On January 7th, **John Donnelly**, 60 South Alhambra Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding parole warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr. and Detective Tom Marmo.

On January 7th, **Frederick Moody**, 501 Worthington Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Brian Connor.

On January 8th, **Alexander Davis**, 314 Silver Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Peter Bertera and Eric Lottermoser.

Check our classifieds...

FIRE-WISE - by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Be Careful How You Heat Your Home

As the winter months go by and the temperature continues to drop, more and more households turn to portable heaters of various kinds to supplement their home heating systems.

The sad truth is that many of those space heaters, intended to keep those families warm and comfortable on cold winter days and nights, end up causing fatal fires. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to be warm, but safely. So remember:

Use only a heater that has a safety device to switch it off automatically if it tips over. Also make sure it has the UL label, showing it has passed important safety tests.

Check the cord of electric heaters before plugging them in to be sure there are no frayed, worn, or broken spots. Replace the heater or have an electrician replace the cord. Do not simply tape over the worn spot—it is not enough to prevent fire. **Avoid** using extension cords with electric heaters—if you must, use a heavy-duty extension cord that can handle the load. Too small a cord will overheat and start a fire.

Keep all heaters away from anything that might burn. That means curtains, furniture, bedding, papers, and other materials. Keep them at least three feet away. Also keep electric heaters away from sinks, tubs,

showers, and other containers of water.

Never put heaters in hallways or doorways. They will block your escape in case of fire.

Keep children and pets away from portable heaters. They can be burned and accidentally start fires.

Turn heaters off before leaving the house and before going to bed at night. These devices, while convenient, are extremely dangerous and should not be left unattended. It doesn't make sense to lose your life or your property because of convenience or energy-saving.

And don't try to heat an entire room with a space heater. Direct the heat toward where you want it by facing the heater that way. But remember—not too close!

With kerosene heaters, use only 1K kerosene. It is clear like water. Any yellow or contaminated kerosene can burn or explode. And never use gasoline or other fuel in a kerosene heater. Always fill the heater outside and keep a window open slightly in the room when a kerosene heater is in use. Kerosene heaters have caused so many fires in recent years that some states—most recently Massachusetts—have banned their use entirely. So if you use one, use extreme caution.

Fire Dept. Lists Open Burning Guidelines

The Department of Environmental Quality Engineering has designated January 15th, 1989 through May 1st, 1989 for open burning.

Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to.

The Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis.

Permits will only be issued weather permitting and only to those locations meeting these guidelines.

1. Burning of brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris will be allowed.

2. No grass, hay, leaves, stumps, paper products, trash of any kind, will be allowed.

3. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

4. No commercial or institutional burning permits will be issued.

5. Burning shall be at a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling.

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Diana Willard Hall Was Production Manager Of Advertiser News

Diana (Wetherbee) Willard Hall, 39, of 25 Ellison Avenue, production manager at *The Agawam Advertiser News* and *The Southwick Suffield Advertiser News*, died Wednesday, January 4th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit.

Mrs. Willard Hall began at *The Advertiser News* in February 1980 when the newspaper was publishing between 12-20 pages every Thursday.

In September 1981, the growth of the newspaper allowed it to expand to a second edition, *The Southwick Suffield Advertiser News*, and Mrs. Willard Hall was instrumental in making the transition from a once-a-week publication to a twice-a-week operate smoothly.

As both newspapers grew in the 1980's, particularly *The Agawam Advertiser News*, so did Mrs. Willard Hall's responsibilities. By 1985 *The AAN* was publishing at least 44-48 pages on a weekly basis, and this expansion continued in 1986 and 1987 to 52-56 pages; in 1988, *The AAN* averaged 60-64 pages per week, with many weeks topping 68-72 pages.

Mrs. Willard Hall supervised and assembled several huge editions for *The AAN* over the past few years, including its largest edition ever, 112-pages in May 1986.

On Mrs. Willard Hall's last day of work when the staff took its Annual Christmas break on Wednesday, December 21st, she supervised the publication of a 72-page *Agawam Advertiser News*.

Born in St. Petersburg, Florida, she lived in Greenfield and was graduated from Frontier Regional High School in 1967. She also attended the University of Massachusetts.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, a past president of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, and was a past volunteer for the Agawam Athletic Association.

She leaves her husband, Gilbert A. Hall; a son, Kevin Willard, a seventh grader at the Agawam Junior High School; a daughter, Michelle, a senior at Agawam High School, both at home.

Also, she leaves her mother, Alice Wetherbee of Greenfield; three brothers, Dana of Illinois, and Dell and Mark, also of Greenfield.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, Main Street, Agawam, and in the church, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery.

The Agawam Advertiser News has established "The Diana Willard Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund." Contributions may be sent to The Diana Willard Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund, Park Westbank, 1340 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 01030, attention Deborah Banks.

Ferruccio Vedani

Ferruccio Vedani, 90, of 86 Meadow Street, Agawam, a retired 38-year general foreman at the former Van Norman Machine Tool Company, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He retired in 1963.

Born in Stradella, Pavia, Italy, he came to this country in 1921, and settled in Springfield. He moved to Agawam in 1931. He was a charter member of the former Italian Athletic Club and the Agawam Sportsmen's Club. He was a member of the Roswell Lee Lodge of Masons in Agawam.

He leaves a sister-in-law, Chiara Vedany of Agawam, and a niece, Teresa Kozloski of Agawam.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Agawam Obituaries

James P. Gentile

James P. Gentile, 47, of 418 Meadow Street, Agawam, a 23-year civil engineer and district manager of the southern New England district of the Lane Construction Company, Meriden, Connecticut, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Utica, New York, he attended Auburn schools, moving to Agawam in 1986. He received his degree in civil engineering from Wentworth Institute of Boston and was a member of the Board of Transportation and Research, Washington, D.C., and the Massachusetts Asphalt and Pavement Association. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

He leaves two daughters, Lisa Gentile of Florida State University and Lauren Gentile of Westfield; his mother, Jennie (Cirno) Gentile of Auburn; a brother, John of Panama, and his fiancée, Florence Barkowski of Agawam.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home with burial in Hillside Cemetery, Auburn. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Foundation for Cancer Research, P.O. Box 96017, Washington, D.C., 20090-6017.

Raymond J. Girotti

Raymond J. Girotti, 79, of 39 Tower Terrace, Agawam, 50-year treasurer and general manager for Ferrara Auto Parts, died in his home. He retired in 1974. He was also a member of the board of directors of Ferrara Auto Parts.

Born in West Springfield, he was a 55-year resident of Agawam. He was an alumnus of Baypath Institute, and Northeastern University.

He was a life member of the Agawam Lions Club, and was on the board of directors of the A.S.I.A., the UNICO Club of Agawam, the Victor Emanuel Society, the Holy Name Society, Nocturnal Adoration Society, and the advisory board of the Danahy Schoolhouse for Senior Citizens Project.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Angelina Pintelli; a son, David R. of Southwick; a daughter, Linda Westcott of Danbury, Connecticut; two brothers, Edward V. and William C., both of West Springfield; two sisters, Florence Zecchi of West Springfield, and Rose McKenna of Dunedin, Florida, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at Toomey O'Brien Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Agawam Lions Club, P.O. Box 52, Agawam, or to the Open Pantry, 1023 Main Street, West Springfield.

Else B. Mayer

Else B. (Lorenz) Mayer, 84, formerly of Rutherford, New Jersey, died Thursday, January 5th, in a local nursing home.

Born in Baden-Baden, Germany, she came to New Jersey in 1923. Her husband, Fritz L. Mayer, died in 1972.

She leaves a son, Gary of Wilbraham; two grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Burial was at the convenience of the family. Tazzini Funeral Home was in charge.



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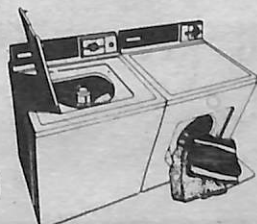
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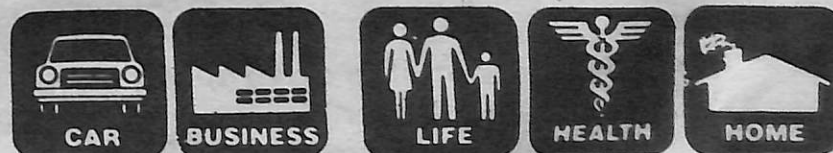
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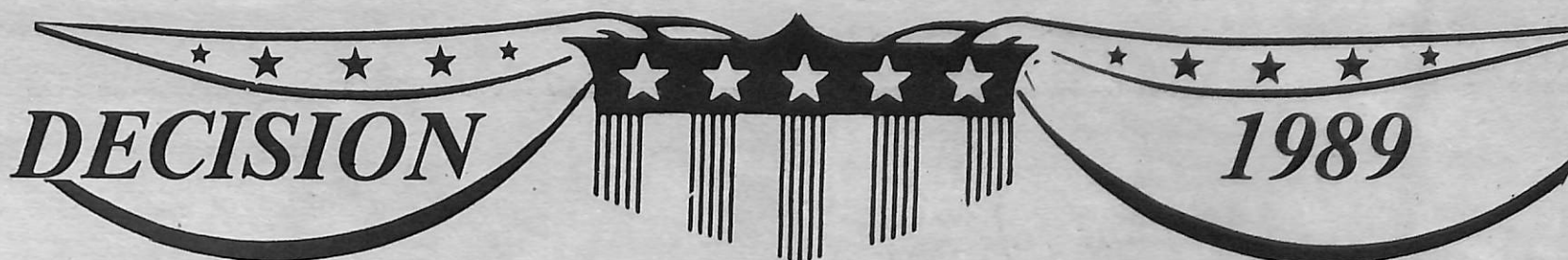


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The times we shared together
Will be very hard to let go of.
A loving husband and two wonderful children
Always were present on her mind.
She would tell us of ups and downs
And in the end things would turn bright.
The atmosphere was always cheery and fun
No matter how difficult things seemed to get,
She had a knack to always know
Just what to do and how to accomplish it.

Although she was not always up to her top form
She always came to work
And never asked any one of us
To take on her share of the load.
She was one good fighter
On whatever was on her mind,
She always had an excellent opinion
That let you know she was on the top.
We must continue to share those memories
With those who knew and loved her,
Because in time those moments
Will surely help to sustain us.
She was one terrific gal and coworker
Who will sadly be missed
We must now think of those wonderful memories
In order to continue our tasks.



Agawam Selects A Mayor!

Moreno Announces Mayor Candidacy

Valentine R. Moreno, candidate for mayor of Agawam, today released his opening campaign statement.

"My most serious concern while contemplating candidacy for Mayor of Agawam was what role could I play to best serve Agawam.

"Most voters know that I have a total working knowledge of the Agawam government. Over 46 years of life in Agawam I have worked with the open town meeting, town meeting member, selectman and council manager forms of government.

"In spite of interferences, differences, challenges by councilors, former councilors, lawyers, and others, I wrote the new mayor form of government into the Agawam charter.

"It was voted by the council to send the charter to both legislative branches of our state government, where it was approved by the judicial committees and then voted and passed by them. It was then sent back to Agawam where it was voted and approved by a better than 2 to 1 margin.

"In all this process not one word was changed. It was accepted just as I wrote it, and verified by the attorney who wrote the original charter.

"My greatest desire is to follow through and put all my experience to work for Agawam's future. At my age and with my experience, I wish the voters of Agawam will give me the opportunity to set down the mayor's duties.

"The mayor's job is to see that all the provisions of the general laws, of the charter, and the votes of the city council (which require enforcement by the mayor or office subject to the mayor's direction and supervision), are clearly defined and faithfully carried out, and any other duties required by ordinances or votes of the council. Therefore the most serious issue faced by the candidates in this race is understanding the charter and its use.

"Each candidate has stated one of the following; it makes me shudder at the lack of their understanding of the charter. These are some of the quotes by three of the present candidates: 'charter needs revision' — is 'ambiguous' — 'full of faults' — will 'create a dictatorship' — bring 'savagery' — create a 'cronyism system' — give 'more power' — people were 'snowballed' — need 'charter revision' — how can the present candidates who don't know how the charter works live up to their promises?

"How can anyone accept their promises when they have already spent many years in office and haven't even attempted to accomplish what they now promise? In fact, they sound like a shopping list for the Food Mart.

"During my campaign, and as of now, I challenge any one or more candidates, public officials, or anyone else to name one fault, or ambiguity in the present charter.

"While in or out of office I accomplished and fought for and introduced many major issues, e.g.: I fought for and succeeded in establishing what we now call the



VALENTINE R. MORENO

'stabilization fund.' Chapter 40-5D earned many thousands of dollars which we now spend for many special needs.

"I fought for and cleared the civil service clause that was refused by that council. When we became a city all the employees were automatically entitled to membership. This I accomplished by court action at my expense.

"I personally with the help of Gerry Zerra (now deceased) fought the battle to zone our present 680 acre industrial park in 1955, to stop industry from spot zoning all over town.

"As building inspector and zoning enforcement officer I wrote the original zoning law, and rewrote it.

"I fought the battle to prove that town council was allowing expenditure of money illegally, amounting to thousands of dollars. I stopped this illegal and improper spending of town money. Realistically, how can any one make promises that they can't deliver?

"As the campaign progresses, I hope to raise many more issues of interest to the voters," concluded Moreno.

Johnson Says Major Issue Facing Town Is Development

"One of the major issues facing Agawam is future development," today said Mayoral candidate Christopher Johnson.

"Agawam has been, and continues to be, one of the fastest growing communities in the Greater Springfield Area. Prior to and during my term as a town councilor, I have attended many Planning Board and Conservation Commission meetings. At those meetings I have had the pleasure of talking with many residents who share my concerns about Agawam's potential development. I believe we are at the proverbial 'crossroads' with respect to Agawam's future. We must begin to look closely at our town and effectively plan for our children's land needs.

"Commercial and residential development has helped Agawam to remain fiscally strong. We must strive to continue attracting new businesses to our industrial park. Progress has brought new jobs and families to Agawam. Clearly Agawam has benefitted in many ways by the development it has undergone. The time has come, however, to reassess and perhaps set new goals.

"One vital area that must be looked at is the preservation of some of the remaining open spaces in Agawam. As chairman of the St. Anne's Property Committee, I am fighting hard to preserve the 170 acres that comprise St. Anne's, and the 109 acres that comprise Agawam Country Club. These two tracts are among the largest remaining open spaces devoted to active recreation left in Agawam. The preservation of these and other large tracts is critical to satisfy Agawam's future recreational demands.

"Another issue requiring careful study is the existing set of ordinances under which our town boards and commissions operate. We must undertake to revise and add to these ordinances to allow more input from our boards and commissions. We must develop better tools to address drainage problems caused by new construction.

"We must also consider new ideas such as cluster development. Cluster development benefits the developer by reducing costs, and its benefits the community by preserving some open space. Through innovation, the town can slow the seemingly unlimited pace at which new construction has engulfed Agawam, while not stopping development completely.

"I believe the town must adopt a more responsible approach to future development. Clearly, with development comes fiscal growth for the town. That fiscal growth must be balanced against the irreversible impact the new development will have on Agawam's remaining open land. We must plan for the passive and active recreational needs of future generations. We must also preserve some of Agawam's agricultural heritage for future generations to enjoy.

"I believe we can accomplish these goals and continue to develop as a community. We must simply be more selective about what development is allowed, and start to preserve some of the remaining open spaces," concluded Johnson.

Despite Ruling, Kunasek Issues Platform

Jack Kunasek, a lifetime resident of Agawam, has taken out nomination papers to be Agawam's first Mayor.

Because of written opinion given by Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke to all town employees, Kunasek can only run for Mayor if he takes an unpaid leave of absence from his position as Director of the Parks Department and Building Maintenance.

"I will have to make my final determination or challenge on February 14th, which is the last date to file nomination papers. I do feel that I am being deprived of the democratic process," Kunasek said.

A combat veteran of the 10th Marine's 1st Marine Division during the Korean War, he served as a forward observer and holds the Presidential Union Citation with four stars, and also holds the Korean Unit Citation.

He has 20 years of service to the Town of Agawam as Parks and Recreation Director, and for the past 3½ years as director of Building Maintenance. He has also served as temporary Senior Citizen's Director.

"Over the years I have seen many changes take place. Agawam is no longer a town but a very active, growing city. I have worked under the town meeting form of government and with all the town managers. I

totally support the mayor form of government because it will allow the ordinary citizens to express who they want as their head person. It gives the control back to the people, and I will be a mayor who listens.

"I intend to be a street mayor and not someone who will be hiding in the office out of sight. I have always worked that way, and I will continue to do so. I will expect no more out of all the town employees than I expect out of myself.

"The town's educational system has to be the top priority because of the importance to the community. I will work and cooperate with all involved to obtain funds to better the system, but I also expect the schools' administration and teaching staff to do their job (not only to do their teaching job but to control the students in the schools so that the abuse to the buildings will be held to a minimum — this will save a lot of taxpayer's money).

"Other priorities to be considered are open space, our youth and elderly population and the proper control of the building boom that is going on in our city.

"I feel that I am the best qualified person with total experience in all phases of government to lead the City of Agawam into the 1990's," Kunasek concluded.

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Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued.....

Organization Meeting Held For Nardi At The Oaks



AT AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING to kick-off his mayoral campaign held at The Oaks, Town Councilor Frederick Nardi introduces his wife, Dorothea (center), and campaign treasurer Esther DePalo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ATTENDING TOWN COUNCILOR FREDERICK NARDI'S (left) campaign kick-off were Town Councilor Benjamin Lockhart and campaign officer Priscilla Peterson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOWN COUNCILOR FREDERICK NARDI introduced Feeding Hills resident Mike Martin (right) as his campaign manager. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bonavita Promises Govt. That Is Planned, Not Reactionary

Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita, candidate for Mayor of Agawam today explained steps he would take to ensure an effective administration.

Bonavita stated, "I am opposed to crisis government. I believe Agawam must always be prepared to act to protect our citizens, not just react to a crisis situation. To be prepared to make a logical and balanced decision affecting public interest, our government must evaluate, research, and study alternative positions to act decisively when the need arises."

He further defined that "a Bonavita administration will be one that continuously researches and prepares on a daily basis to be 'ahead of its time' to act on a particular issue. Agawam has the intelligence, dedication, and resources to control its own destiny."

Examples of controlling our own destiny can be demonstrated in the following areas:

EDUCATION—on an ongoing basis, working with officials and citizens to obtain funds to elevate our educational system.

PUBLIC HEALTH—supporting the Board of Health in its research and study of the incinerator.

CONTROLLING DEVELOPMENT—studying state and local laws on zoning and wetlands and the fiscal impact of growth on town services.

ELDERLY NEEDS—offering assistance to appropriate boards and agencies to find ways to create more housing and transportation for the elderly.

PROPOSED HAMPDEN COUNTY JAIL—forming a Task Force to strengthen the County Commissioner's position that neither a temporary or permanent jail be located in Agawam.

The underlying concern in all these issues is that Agawam must be prepared to control its own destiny.

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AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI (left), president of the Western Mass. Police Chiefs Association, introduces Patrick Hamilton, the new executive director of the Western Mass. Criminal Justice Training Council, at a luncheon hosted by the chiefs at the Oaks Inn on Tuesday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE 1989 BOARD OF THE WESTERN MASS. POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION - from left - Chief Robert Finnegan of Lee, 1st vice-president; Chief George Stone of Hampden, secretary; Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski of Agawam, president; Chief Louis Barry of Granby, treasurer; and Chief Robert Redfern of Easthampton, vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RECENTLY RETIRED SPRINGFIELD POLICE CHIEF PAUL FENTON (left) is greeted by Agawam Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski, president of the Western Mass. Police Chiefs Association, and Hampden Police Chief George Stone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Airborne Car Flies Into Connecticut River In Bizarre Mishap

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"It must have flown straight out into the river," said John Sleich Sr., owner of Sleich Auto Body on Springfield Street. "It (the car) never hit the guardrail. It never touched anything until it hit the water."

As for what flew, it was a 1979 Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by 24 year-old Brian Doig of 108 Price Street, Springfield.

According to Agawam Police reports, Doig was traveling down Leonard Street at 8:59 p.m. last Saturday night at speed in excess of 100 miles per hour when he failed to stop for the stop sign at Leonard Street and River Road.

An eyewitness report indicates the car was "airborne" across River Road, catapulting over the guardrail, which was unscathed, and never touched the ground again until it hit the water some 50 feet out into the Connecticut River.

Captain Richard A. Light of the Agawam Police Department stated, "Doig apparently got out of the car and swam to shore" where he was taken to Baystate Medical Center for treatment of minor (visible) injuries sustained in the crash.

Doig, who celebrated his 24th birthday only four days earlier, faces seven counts in connection with the accident but police declined to elaborate on just what those charges would be.

Sleich Auto Body was called in at 9:30 p.m. to retrieve the car, a chilling process that took more than two-and-one-half hours in freezing drizzle and 25° temperatures.

According to Sleich, an Agawam Fire Department boat was dispatched to the scene and his son, John Sleich, Jr., went out with the firemen to "gaff" the car, repeatedly dropping a gaffing hook into the water to snatch it. The vehicle had floated for a brief time before sinking with its lights on.

It took all but 10 feet of cable to reach the car, which officials estimated soared some 120 feet or more to its watery resting place.

Sleich indicated that the doors of the vehicle were closed when it was dredged out, and it was filled with mud. The car had to be hung upright and lifted over the guardrail, spilling mud all over River Road. Fire Department personnel shoveled the mud off the roadway, opening it to traffic again.

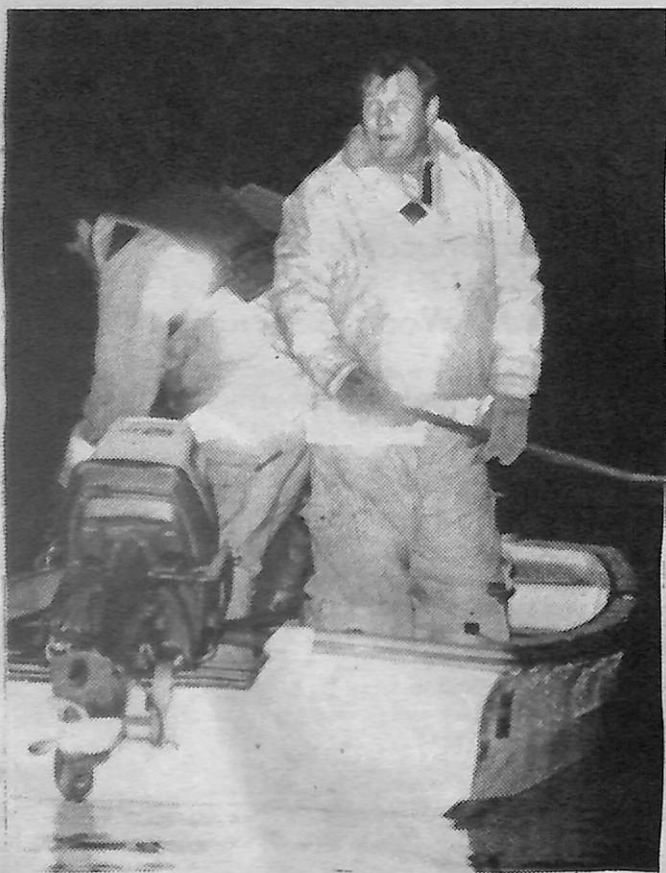
Sleich, recalling the conversation of the evening, said the car "must have soared through the treebelt about 15 feet above ground."

"It hit the river and sank," he said.

The car, which was totaled, was taken to the Sleich Auto body yard, located across from the Agawam Police Station. Investigating officers were Patrolmen Michael Gruska and Richard Curry.



IN TOP PHOTO, the demolished car of a Springfield man is pulled from the Connecticut River by Sleich Auto Body of Feeding Hills; PHOTO BELOW clearly shows the damage. Remarkably, the driver was able to swim to shore. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



FIREFIGHTERS DONALD WELLS and DANIEL CHAMPIGNY paddle the Agawam Rescue Boat into the Connecticut River to assist in removing a car that landed in the icy water last Saturday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Sheila Bradley Bride Of James S. Shoemaker

Miss Sheila Bradley and James S. Shoemaker were recently married with a Nuptial Mass in Holy Family Church, Holyoke.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley of 28 Old Orchard Road, West Springfield, and the late Joseph Bradley.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shoemaker of 68 Monroe Street, Agawam.

Kim Berly Kida was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Kathy Shoemaker Watson, Andrea DeMars, and Christine Bradley. Sarah Shepard was junior bridesmaid.

Robert Shoemaker, Jr. was best man for his brother. Ushers included Robert Thomas, Timothy Scanlon, and Sean Bradley, brother of the bride. Raymond Watson was junior usher.

Robin Watson and Sean Bradley, Jr. carried the gifts during the Mass.

A reception followed at Yankee Pedlar, Holyoke.

The bride was graduated from West Springfield High School and Our Lady of the Elms College with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed at Holyoke Hospital.

Her husband was graduated from Agawam High School and Westfield State College with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is the store manager in Enfield, Connecticut, for Kinney Shoe Corporation.

The couple are currently living in West Springfield.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Slates Meeting January 17th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold their monthly meeting at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Tuesday, January 17th, at 7:30 p.m.

At this meeting, information will be given about the homes of the AES students who are living in our community. Terri Cimaroli, an Agawam High School senior, will also be a guest and speak about her time spent abroad last summer.

The public is invited to join. If you have any questions or would like information, contact Eileen Hamre, 789-2818.

Agawam Baptist Church Sets Ham & Bean Supper Jan. 14

The Agawam Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam, will hold their Family Style Ham and Bean Supper, Saturday, January 14th, with two serving times at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will include baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted homemade pies, coffee, tee.

Adults are \$5.50, and children under 10, \$2.50.

For reservations, call 786-8609, 786-8570, or 786-7122.



KEVIN J. ATKINSON & LISA A. LASHUA

Lisa Ann Lashua Engaged To Wed Kevin J. Atkinson

Mr. & Mrs. William Lashua of West Springfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann Lashua, to Kevin Jerome Atkinson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Atkinson of Agawam.

The bride-to-be attended West Springfield High School and graduated from Agawam Evening School.

The future groom graduated from Agawam High School, and is employed by Kimball Company, East Longmeadow, as head press operator.

A March wedding will be at St. John's Church, Agawam.

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Rev. Floyd Bryan Feted On Church Retirement

Reverend Floyd Bryan began his ministry as a student minister in Ohio for seven and one-half years after which he studied at Oberlin Graduate School of Theology in Oberlin, Ohio, graduating in 1949.

Following his ordination he served pastorates in Forest City, Iowa, Marseilles, Illinois, and spending five years at Second Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, before becoming pastor of Agawam Congregational Church in 1963. During his tenure he was instrumental in building the new church.

He was married to Phyllis Julia Parker in 1948. The Bryans have three children, Janice Folts, Valerie Witholt, and John Bryan. They also have four grandchildren.

Mr. Bryan served as chairman of the Council on Aging for several years, as Protestant Chaplain for Heritage Hall Nursing Home for 19 years, Protestant Chaplain at American International College for five years, and with Reverend Donald Morris, helped to start the Agawam Rotary Club and served two years as Charter President.



REV. FLOYD BRYAN WITH HIS FAMILY. Back row, from left - Richard Parker, Jeff Folts, Jan Folts, John Bryan, Valerie Witholt, and Darleen Parker. Also, Julie Folts, Phyllis Bryan, Rev. Bryan, Justin Folts, Jamie Witholt, and Thomas Witholt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



REV. FLOYD & PHYLLIS BRYAN at last Saturday night's retirement party. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WARREN TAPPLY (left) congratulates Rev. Floyd Bryan at a retirement party in Rev. Bryan's honor last Saturday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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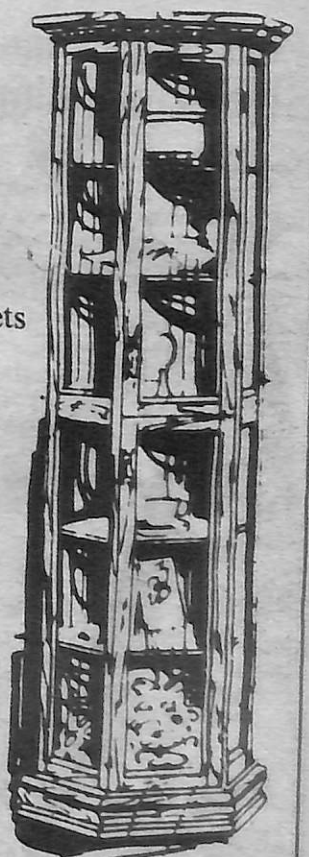
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CONGREGATION MEMBER Jean Clifford (right) presents a gift to retiring Rev. Floyd Bryan as Phyllis Bryan looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, January 14th
Ham & Bean Supper
Agawam Baptist Church
4:45 & 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 21st
Operation Friendship
"Oldies Dance"
Polish American Club
8:00 p.m. to midnight

Sunday, January 22nd
Dance-A-Thon For Trust Fund
Of Holly Pevzner
Academy of Artistic Performance
Community Shops, Feeding Hills Center
Noontime to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24th
OPTIONS: Support Group for widowed
Captain Charles Leonard House
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
or at
Mount Carmel Church
123 Williams Street, Springfield
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Both sessions are free of charge

Thursday, January 26th
Bereavement Workshop For
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Winter Semi-Formal A Highlight Of



THE WINTER SEMI-FORMAL for Agawam High School was held at Shaker Farms Country Club on Thursday, December 29th. Pictured above are Ron DuBour and Lisa Chase, and David Johnson and Susan Walker. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ELIZABETH KORZA was escorted to the AHS Winter Semi-Formal by Jeff Reece, a 1988 AHS graduate. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



READY FOR A GREAT NIGHT - seated - Cindy Kim Foote. Standing - Bob Ayers, Mark Malouin. C News photo by Jack Devine.



HAPPY COUPLES at the Agawam High Winter Missy DesRosiers; Jim Longhi and Lori DeSimone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LOOKING FORWARD to a great evening are Jerry Allen and Lisa Lindsey (left), and Pamela Bovat and Nathan Allen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

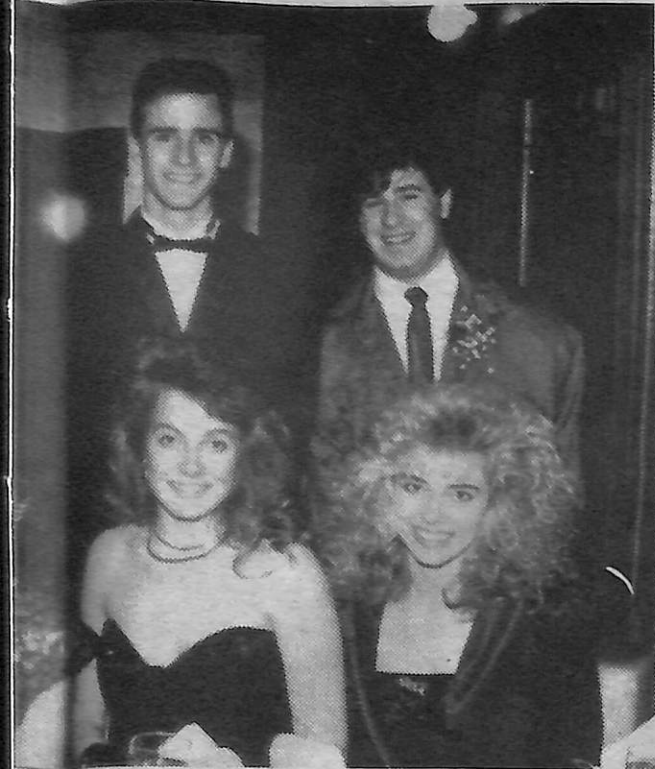


SPORTING WINNING SMILES at the Agawam High Winter Semi-Formal at Shaker Farms Country Club are Gary D'Andrea and Johanna Haffke. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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f Holiday Break For Agawam High



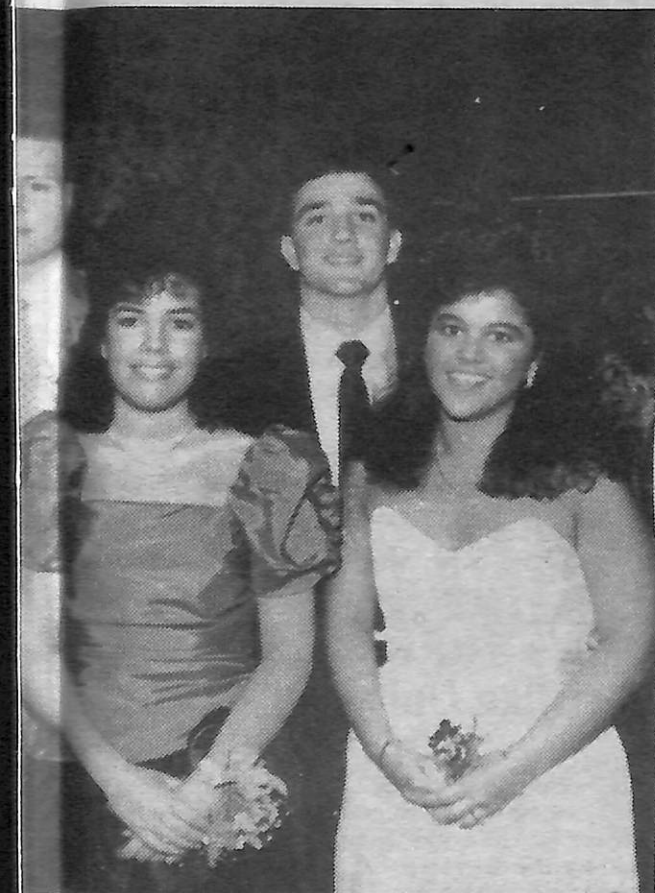
Andy Jochim, Amy Schroeder, Jamie Milici, and
Chris DiMascola, and Jimi Menard. Advertiser



CARMINO MAZZA attended the
AHS Semi-Formal with Susan An-
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A CHIC COUPLE - Andrew Allen and Jennifer Pioggia, at the
Agawam High Winter Semi-Formal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Winter Semi-Formal included Ted DeCosmo and
Julie Dialessi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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THIS HAPPY COUPLE, James Bickford and Lisa Gonzales, are
about to be seated at the AHS Winter Semi-Formal at Shaker
Farms Country Club on December 29th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOM D'ANDREA, KIM KIRBY, AMY SCOTT, and JASON
GIBBY are all looking forward to a memorable evening. Advertiser
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Golden Agers Stage Holiday Production



AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZENS, from left - Zelda Downey, Lil Mayer, Sandra Smith (activities director, with back to camera), and Lil Doyle were part of a Christmas production at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HELPING OUT WITH THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER's Christmas production are Elizabeth and Becky Raulston. The production was held on December 22nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his answering machine. Thanks.

Senior Center's Gala For Christmas Success

The Senior Center Christmas Gala on December 22 started with a full-course roast beef dinner at 12:00 noon and continued with a varied program of drama, music, door prizes, and the raffle drawings.

The dinner, prepared by Betty, Terry and the regular kitchen crew, augmented by a number of volunteers, was served to about 200 seniors, entertainers, and guests. "Friends" provided the table decorations as well as the cost of the entertainment.

The program under the direction of Activities Director Sandra Smith included the public debut of two talented young sisters, Liz and Becky Roulston in a song and dance routine. Later they donned elf costumes and assisted Santa (Bob Bernier) in leading carol singing. Volunteer Carmen Caliento is the girls' proud grandfather.

A group from the Silver Star Players directed by Sandra Smith, brought down the house with a skit on the futility of "Dealing with the Bureaucracy." Taking part were Zelda Downey, Lillian Meyer, Lil Doyle, Mary Payne, and Gladys Belcher. Fred Prouty and Carmen Caliento handled the props.

The Polly Murphy Singers of Westfield entertained with a program, "Music Around the World" which also included a great audience participation rendition of "A Partridge in a Pear Tree."

Door prizes of certificates for two family size pizzas donated by Valenti's of Main Street, were won by Charles Chepuzzie and Mary Hayes. A crystal lamp went to George McKillop and His and Her Christmas Stockings were won by Stella Borgatti. Stella was a double winner, taking home the beautifully robed porcelain Baby Doll in the raffle. Other raffle winners were Hazel M. French—the macrame hanging basket with spider plant, and Aurora Craig who won the table lamp complete with a "Mary Hayes Shade."

St. David's To Host Service For Christian Unity

On Wednesday, January 18th, at 7:30 p.m., St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, will host a worship service to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Sponsored by the Agawam Clergy Association and featuring the clergy of the participating churches, the service will consist of hymn singing, a message, and special prayers that all Christians may find unity of vision and mission in Jesus Christ.

A reception will follow the service, and a collection will be taken for the support of the Open Pantry relief ministry of West Springfield.

Further information may be obtained by calling St. David's Church, 786-6133. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Pre-Lenten Dinner Slated For Feb. 4th

St. Anthony's Church and St. Theresa's Church, both of Agawam, will hold a joint Pre-Lenten Dinner and Dance, Saturday, February 4th, at St. Anthony's Church Hall.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m., and will include tossed salad, baked chicken, ziti and meatballs, cold cut tray, cheese, rolls, desert, and coffee. It will be prepared by Frank Gatti and his committee.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person, by reservation only, and may be purchased by calling chairpersons Alfred Racicot, 786-5089, Lou Scherpa, 786-0203, or both church rectories.

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- 1½ cups rolled oats
- 2 cups buttermilk*
- ½ cup sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons oil

Mix oats and buttermilk together. Add all of the other ingredients and beat. This will be a naturally thin batter. Bake on greased hot griddle. Turn when full of bubbles. Makes 16, 4 inch pancakes.

*Buttermilk powder is handy for all your baking needs. You can reconstitute it whenever a recipe calls for buttermilk. You will find Saco Dry Buttermilk Powder with the baking supplies.

Carrot Bran Muffins

- 1 cup bran flakes
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 cups finely shredded carrot
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed

- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- ½ cup chopped roasted peanuts

Combine all ingredients, stirring until completely moistened. Grease 2½ inch muffin tin. Fill half to ¾ full with muffin mixture. Bake at 400°F. for 15 minutes or until tester comes out clean. Yields 12 to 14 muffins.

Tangy Corn Salad

Flavorful crunchiness right at your fingertips! Corn is a clever change of pace!

- 1 pkg. (10 ounces) or 2 cups frozen cut corn
- 1 cup finely diced celery
- ¼ cup minced parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onions
- Mustard Dressing (recipe follows)
- Lettuce

Avocado and tomato wedges (optional)

Combine corn, celery, parsley, green onions, and Mustard Dressing. Refrigerate 1 hour. Serve on crisp lettuce leaves; garnish with avocado and tomato wedges. Makes 4 servings.

Mustard Dressing: Combine ½ cup oil, ¼ cup white wine vinegar, 2 teaspoons each Dijon mustard and drained, chopped capers, 1 teaspoon sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Makes about ½ cup.

Sunshine Spinach Salad

When your menu includes steak, this healthful mix complements it perfectly.

- 4 cups lettuce or other salad greens, torn
- 4 cups fresh spinach, torn
- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange sections, drained, or 1 fresh orange, sliced
- 1 can (8 ounces) water chestnuts, drained and sliced
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 small red onion, sliced and separated into rings
- 1 cup commercial low-cal Italian Dressing

In large bowl, combine all ingredients except dress-

ing. Chill until serving time. Toss with dressing. Serves 6-8.

Micro Easy: One-Step Chili

Homemade chili in less than 30 minutes!

- 1 pound extra lean ground beef*
- 1¾ cups (15 ounce can) pinto beans
- 1¾ cups (14½ ounce can) cut-up Contadina whole peeled tomatoes and juice
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- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 crushed garlic clove
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes

Combine all ingredients in microwave-safe 2-quart casserole. Cover; microcook on high 5 minutes. Stir to break up meat. Microcook additional 20 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes.

*If less lean beef is used, microcook it first and drain off excess fat.

Mouthwatering Mushroom Casserole

A distinctive side dish. Perfect with broiled steaks and Sunshine Spinach Salad. Serve sour dough bread, sliced and brushed with melted butter or margarine and lightly browned in a heavy skillet.

- 1½ pounds mushrooms
- 4 chicken bouillon cubes
- ¼ cup boiling water
- Pepperidge Farms stuffing
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon parmesan cheese
- 1 carton heavy cream (or 1 cup evaporated milk)
- 1 stick butter or margarine.

Slice mushrooms and place in greased casserole dish. Put bouillon cubes and boiling water in sauce pan. Stir until dissolved. Add, flour, cheese and cream. Stir until thick and bubbly. Pour mixture over mushrooms. Cover with stuffing. Melt butter and drizzle over stuffing. Bake covered at 350° for 35 minutes, (uncovered 15 minutes longer). Serves: 6-8.



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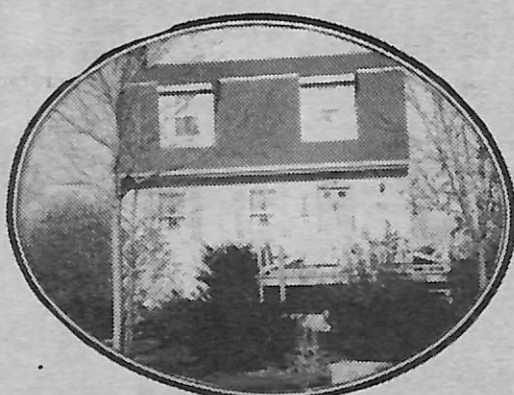
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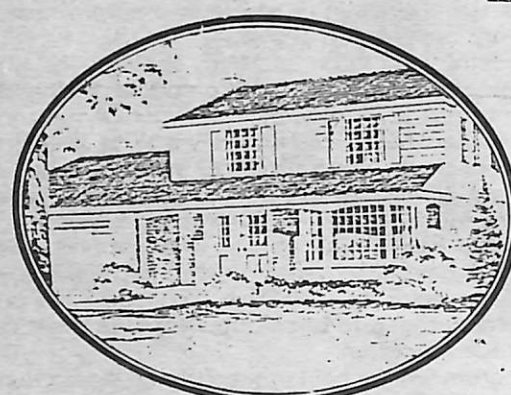
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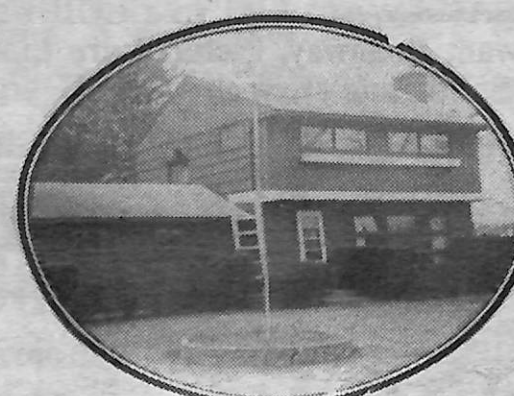
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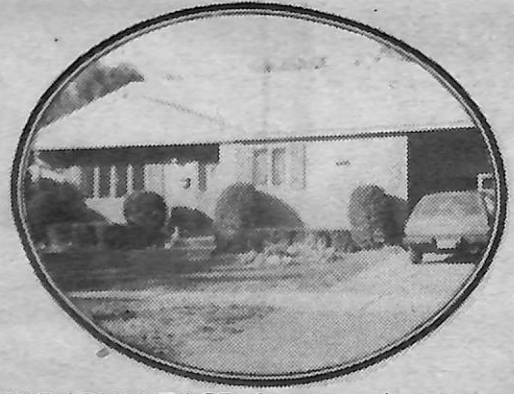
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Agawam Junior Women's Club Installs 1989 Board Members

Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club held their year-end banquet on Friday, January 6th, at Storowton Tavern.

Highlight of the evening was the installation ceremony of the 1989 board. The incoming board includes Eileen Hamre, president; Rosalie Dialessi, first vice president; Ann Woodward, second vice president; Eleanor Jean, recording secretary; Donna Shibley, corresponding secretary; Laura Paul, treasurer. Other board members include Pat Belisle, newsletter editor; Eva Jack, public relations; and Rhonda O'Donnell, ways and means.

The new year will be underway with the first meeting on January 17th, with a visit from the AFS students.

Anyone interested in more information about this club may contact Eileen Hamre, 789-2818.

Women's Exercise & Dance Begin At St. John's Church

Happy New Year from Dancers N' Motion. We are about to begin our new year classes. With holiday rush behind us, now is the time to start that exercise program you've been putting off.

Exercise class will once again be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

Many have been exercising faithfully for a period of time and are looking for something different. Well here is your chance. An adult jazz class is being introduced for the first time. Class will consist of jazz dance stretches, exercise center floor movements, and a dance routine. A fun diversion! Classes will be on Friday evenings at 6:15 p.m. A morning class will be available upon request.

All classes are held at St. John's Parish Center, upper or lower level. For information or registration, call Grace, 786-6636. Hope to see you there!

Early American Indians In Conn. Valley On Tap Jan. 24th

"First Americans: The Connecticut Valley Before the White Man" will be the topic of the Springfield Science Museum's monthly Science at Noon program, Tuesday, January 24th, at 12:15 p.m.

John Pretola, curator of anthropology at the museum, will present a slide illustrated talk tracing the history and cultural development of Native Americans in our area before the colonial days. Who were the earliest residents of North America? What changes in the earth's climate and geology brought them here? The Connecticut Valley is rich in archeological evidence, and Pretola will discuss what he and other archeologists have discovered through excavations in Agawam, Turners Falls, and other local sites. The audience is encouraged to bring arrowheads or other artifacts for identification.

The program will be held in the Tolman Auditorium of the museum. Bag lunches are welcome and coffee will be provided. Admission is free.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. For information, call the museum, 733-1194.



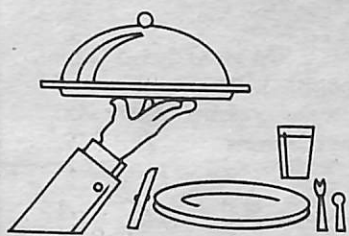
1989 BOARD MEMBERS of the Agawam Junior Women's Club were installed last Friday night. From left - Laura Paul, treasurer; Rhonda O'Donnell, ways & means; Rosalie Dialessi, 1st vice president; Ann Woodard, 2nd vice-president; Eileen Hamre, president; Eva Jack, publicity; Eleanor Jean, recording secretary; Pat Belisle, newsletter; and Donna Shibley, corresponding secretary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lions Help-Out At Agawam Rollaway



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB were involved with a fundraiser recently at the Agawam Rollaway. Pictured are Lions Club President Tom Cascio (left), young Ken Smith, and event chairman George Schlagel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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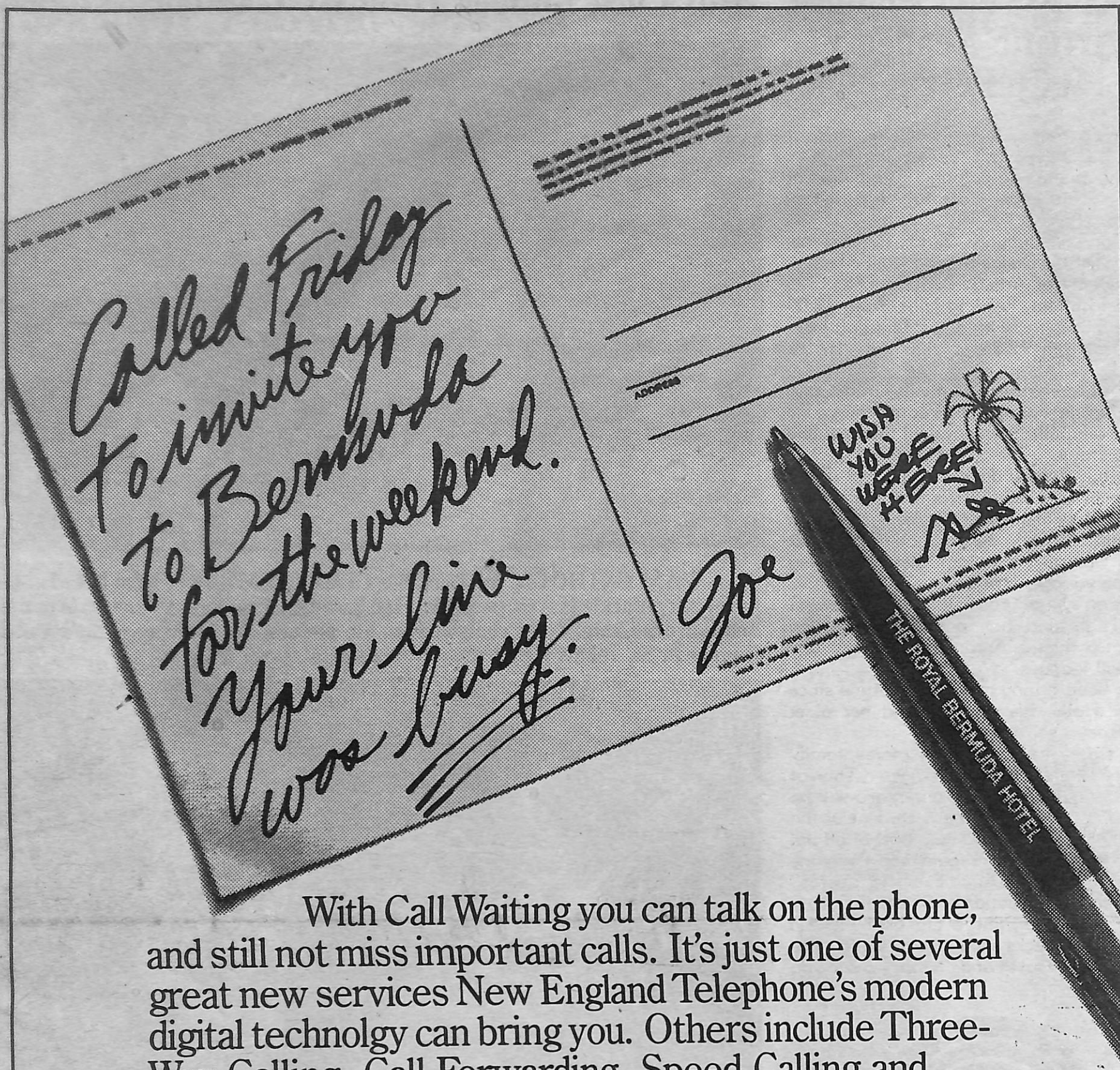
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Dance-A-Thon Planned By Artistic Academy For Holly Pevzner

Holly Pevzner, 13 year-old daughter of Steven & Carol Pevzner of Feeding Hills, is currently undergoing outpatient treatment at Boston Children's Hospital for osteosarcoma.

On Sunday, January 22nd, (snow date January 29th), a Dance-a-Thon will be held at the Academy of Artistic Performance, 1325 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., with a special adult exercise class from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. (16 or older).

Osteo-sarcoma is relatively rare and Holly's battle continues through the many hours of rehabilitation, physical therapy, and chemotherapy.

Holly has been a dance participant at the Academy of Artistic Performance for nine years. She is a member of the Academy's Workshop Dancers, taking ballet and jazz classes, was also a junior assistant, helping teach the younger student.

She is an eighth grade student at Agawam Junior High and has participated in the Agawam Athletic Association soccer and basketball leagues.

It has been a long and difficult time since June for Holly, her parents, and her older sister, Tracy.

Holly's dance teachers, classmates, family and friends will be holding a Dance-a-Thon at the Academy. Pledges and donations will be accepted. You need not be a student of the Academy to come in and be a part of all the fun and help Holly at the same time. Everyone is welcome! "Special Adult Exercise Classes" are offered at a donation of \$5 for the day.

Pledge a dancer, join a class, or make a donation! All checks should be made to "The Holly Pevzner Trust Fund." Hope to see you all there.



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Pot-Luck Supper Held By Catholic Women



AGAWAM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Lil Doyle, hospitality; Jackie Hayes, president; Barbara Gingras, Penny Auction Auctioneer; and Aurore Craig, event chairwoman, are pictured at Monday night's Pot-Luck Supper at St. John's Parish Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THEIR MEALS at Monday night's Pot-Luck Supper, sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club, are Rita Allen (left) and Gretchen Schmidt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Forastiere Funeral Services Begin Bereavement Series

A "Workshop for Clergy" focusing on the bereavement process of widows and widowers, is being offered to clergy of all denominations in the Greater Springfield area and suburban communities on Thursday, January 26th, from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m., at the Sheraton West in West Springfield. The workshop, sponsored by the Colonial Funeral Home located at 985 Main Street, Agawam, is part of the funeral home's Community Out-Reach Program.

Over the years, the Forastiere family have become the funeral service leaders in providing out-reach care to the community with educational programs from elementary to college and adult levels. For two years, the funeral home invited and provided transportation to local clergy to attend a workshop in the Boston area sponsored by Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association.

However, the Forastiere family has long felt the need of holding a clergy workshop in the Greater Springfield area. Because of the positive comments received from the clergy who had attended the Boston program, they decided to develop a local workshop which is far more convenient and accessible to a greater number of clergy.

The program developed by Forastiere Funeral Homes is designed specifically to deal with the bereavement problems of the widowed person and is offered to the clergy to augment their knowledge of the grief process and to enhance their skills as professional caregivers when meeting the special needs of the widowed person.

The workshop will begin with an Introduction to Topic of Death and Grief, followed by Major Factors Influencing the Adult's Response to the Loss of a Spouse; Widows and Widowers Grief, their Similarities and Differences; Orientations to Helping after the Loss; the Funeral Director-Clergy Partnership in Caring and Support closing with an Open Discussion period. This workshop is the first of its kind in this area.

The Forastiere/Colonial/Southwick Funeral Homes are the only funeral homes in the area to have a staff grief consultant available to meet the needs of the families they serve. Lila Forastiere, who has just received her master's degree in Grief Counseling, has an extensive background in bereavement issues and counseling. Besides her association with the funeral homes, she is a national trainer for the AARP's Widowed Persons Service where she has worked with over 500 widowed people.

As staff grief consultant, in 1986 she developed the "OPTIONS...for a brighter tomorrow" program, an

emotional support program for widowed people.

Sponsored by the Forastiere Funeral Home and its branches, the program is the only one of its kind in the country that offers the widowed so many bereavement options to choose from. She has lectured to many groups locally and nationally and is a member of the Association of Death Educators and Counselors. With her experience, she will be able to provide the clergy with significant tools to assist them in their ministry with the widowed person in their congregation or parish.

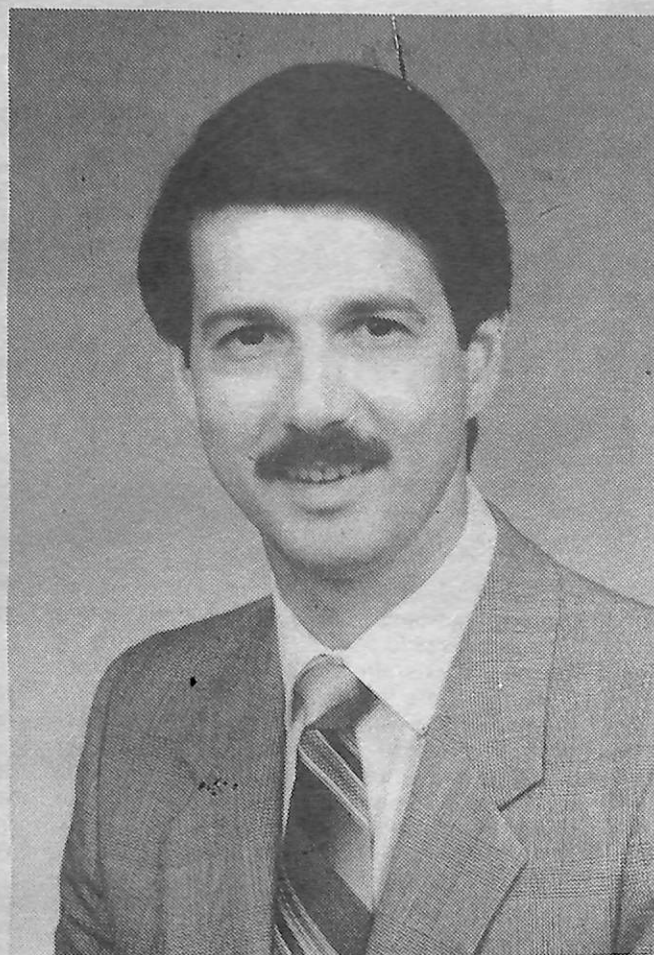
Funeral Director Peter Forastiere, a Massachusetts licensed funeral director, vice-president of the Forastiere Funeral Home, member of the National Funeral Directors Association, Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association and the International Order of the Golden Rule, will focus on the partnership between the clergy and the funeral director in his presentation. He will discuss how both caregivers can work together to better serve the bereaved person.

"It is important to be able to communicate with the clergy, to share thoughts on bereavement and how we can network together to best serve our people," said Forastiere.

Forastiere has lectured and conducted workshops throughout the Greater Springfield area on the subjects of Thanatology and the value of the funeral. He is particularly noted for his lecturing on the grief experience and its relation to the funeral process for both adult and child. He has been guest speaker on radio talk shows and has presented programs in the local schools, colleges, civic and religious organizations, support groups, and the visiting nurses associations. "The role of the funeral director and the clergy goes hand in hand and we feel it is a learning experience for both. We are very pleased to be able to offer this workshop free of charge to our clergy," said Forastiere.

Each participant in the program will receive a workshop packet as well as being able to avail themselves of books and brochures on all phases of grief. This additional material will be available from the funeral home's research library. Although the program is designed specifically for the clergy, anyone involved in community caregiving is welcome to attend.

Registration for the Clergy Workshop is requested by January 19th. Please call Forastiere Funeral Home, 733-5311. Also for more information and a workshop brochure, call 733-5311. Peter Forastiere can be reached at that same number and Lila Forastiere can be reached at 734-8328.



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Local Historians

An In-Depth Look At Complicated History Of Leonard House

Part I Of A Series

How often we have stood in amazement at some ancient site only to exclaim, "Oh, if only this relic might talk! What stories it could tell."

Certainly, the story herein is but a simplistic attempt to verify, that from time to time, such relics do have a way of communicating with the present.

In the summer of 1988, Board of Trustee member Betty Pond suggested to us the possibility of doing a year-long series on the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street. We have been caught up in the excitement of Betty's proposal ever since. Already, two such articles in the series have been completed in *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

Unfortunately, the gracious supplier of the data in this article requested he/she remain anonymous.

For this reason, we will comply with this wish, although we can offer our sincerest appreciation for allowing us the opportunity to realize the tremendous value of the papers entrusted to us for the purpose of writing this particular segment.

After reading and rereading the contents of the personal letters given to us, we cannot in the future look upon the Captain Leonard House without feeling a profound sense of personal admiration for not only the structure itself, but also with an affection for those individuals for whom the house offered housing and a means of security (as they might apply to the personal lives of some of its original inhabitants).

Who Was Captain Charles Leonard?

Unfortunately, there remains little information concerning Captain Charles Leonard, or for that matter, his relatives. Yet through previously unknown letters of his day, written by members of his wife's family, we are able to piece together some insight as to the man and the house he constructed.

Until further information comes to light, we must re-

ly upon fragments of insight as will be extracted from the few remaining family letters such as those that prompted this article.

We were once told that Charles Leonard had been known as the "farm boy who went to Harvard."

However, whatever prompted this designation cannot be verified in fact. When we first started the compilation of the data necessary for the Leonard House's admission to the National Historical Register, our first thought was to contact the Alumni Association at Harvard (that verification might be made concerning Leonard's association with that esteemed college). As it was, the Alumni Association did indeed forward us a quick reply, stating that there were no records at all relative to Charles Leonard having been a student at any time! Thus ended our brief excursion into the possibility of Leonard's ever attending that school.

Again, as to the question of Leonard's title of "Captain," there is nothing to date to substantiate such distinction. Still, the fact remains that town historian Edith LaFrancis might be quite correct in believing Charles Leonard might have assumed such rank relative to his days working on board a Connecticut River boat.

Then there is the possibility that he might have served in the ranks of a local militia unit, thereby establishing the title of "Captain." But all of this is speculation.

However, with Leonard's dates of birth and death we can at least allow for certain reasonable speculations as to the fact that his title was of military distinction.

Accordingly, since Charles Leonard was born on June 23rd, 1764, we can readily conclude that he would not have served those years of the French and Indian Wars, the last of which was the Seven Years War (1756-1763).

Again, had he served in the military during the greater part of the American Revolution, Leonard would not have been eligible for service until the closing years of that conflict (1780-1781), at which time he would have turned 16 years-old (1780). It is quite unlikely that he would have been granted the rank of captain in any unit at such an early age!

Then again, we can almost rule out the possibility that Captain Leonard might have served sometime during the War of 1812, since he died in 1814. Yet, there is still that chance he did indeed serve in this Second War of Independence, as he would have been but 48 years of age at the outset of that war.

In this respect there does remain a strong possibility that Leonard, then a man of some prominence in town, was given a commission in a local militia unit. Perhaps a short term period of service might have accounted for Leonard's taking suddenly ill in 1814, thereby leading to his death.

Somehow we get the feeling that Charles Leonard left his successors with somewhat of a riddle as to his past. Without doubt, he and his spouse are today living eternity within the comfort of a Divine Heavenly reward while observing our dilemma (glancing at us with keen eyes and wearing that wry Yankee

smile—*"Seek and ye shall find!"*).

Aunt Fan's Notation

Fortunately we have just learned more of Charles Leonard's early days prior to construction of the now famous local tavern that bears his name. According to a notation left by Aunt Fan (Bodurtha), or possibly the work of Blanche Bodurtha, we have insight as to how Captain Leonard and his wife, Mercy Remington Leonard, first established themselves prior to the building of the Leonard house.

Although the notation concerns one "David White" of Agawam, we do have further knowledge of the Captain and his wife.

In speaking of David White, Aunt Fan relates: "Single man who lost his wife—got old and went to Captain Charles Leonard and his wife Mercy (Remington), to have them come and live with him and care for him (David White) and he would leave all of his property to them."

"In time, he died and was buried in the North Burying Ground and has a prominent stone at his grave—no other by that name. After this, the Leonards were lonely and Mrs. Leonard sent to her sister Lucretia (Remington) Kent, in Schenectady, to let them have their daughter, Hannah, come to live with them, and to be a daughter to them, and they would leave their property to her."

"It failed as they had planned—Captain Leonard was taken sick suddenly and it was too late to make a will."

"Hannah Kent stayed with her Aunt for some time and taught school, and they stayed together."

Once again we are thrown into a quandry regarding the persona of David White. Apparently, and on the basis of speculation, we will assume that Mr. White owned property on Main Street on or near the present site of the Captain Charles Leonard House. Despite efforts to locate David White's homestead on the early maps, we were unable to substantiate an exact location, since the 1791 map does not cite ownership, nor does the 1831 map pertain to the name "White," albeit the man had long since departed this life.

Perplexed by the absence of missing links, we continue with what knowledge we had from Aunt Fan's notation, picking up the fragmentary pieces of Charles Leonard's life from the year 1800. At least it would seem that we now know more of the circumstances than ever before.

For the present, we must conclude that David White's house must have stood nearby the present Leonard structure.

Two Prestigious Families United In Marriage

Since little else is known of Captain Charles Leonard himself, we must turn to the records of his wife, Mercy (not Marcy) Remington Leonard. Even at this we cannot say too much in regard to Mercy, other than by way of her niece, Hannah Kent Bodurtha.

Still it remains that through the Bodurtha family we can establish a far more substantial insight as to the Leonard family and its personal historic past. Thus, our actual story must begin with Hannah Kent Bodurtha, niece to Mercy Remington Leonard (wife of the good Captain Charles Leonard).

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PROUD OWNERS & OPERATORS OF ELAINE'S PET SALON are Kelly & Edward Gallant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ELAINE'S PET SALON is located at 702 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, next to Sliech Auto Body. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Well-Groomed Dogs Leave Elaine's Pet Salon

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"I have three dogs of my own. I just love them."

With those words Kelly Gallant explains why she and her husband, Edward, chose to invest in their first business - a dog grooming salon.

The Gallants have recently purchased **Elaine's Pet Salon**, expanding what was a three-day-a-week operation into a growing weeklong service (by appointment only). **Elaine's Pet Salon** is located directly across from the Agawam Police Station on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, next to Sliech Auto Body.

"We know how people feel about their pets," Mrs. Gallant says, pointing enthusiastically to photos of her favored threesome and longstanding canine clients. "And I've been in the service business all my life. It's a good combination."

Mrs. Gallant comes from a food service and hotel management background, having obtained her degree in that field. She was part of the team that opened the

Campus Center at Holyoke Community College several years ago.

But working for other people - other businesses - paled in comparison to her dream of being her own boss.

So, when the opportunity came to acquire the existing dog grooming salon, this husband/wife team sold property upstate and invested in their own ability to run a business. "If we work hard enough," says Mrs. Gallant, "we'll buy other land later on."

The Gallants situated their shop on the busy Springfield Street corridor to increase visibility. In the compact shop, they have six grooming tables, an elevated tub for bathing the smallest to the largest of dogs, and have row after row of clippers, shears, and brushes for every texture and length of fur.

Mrs. Gallant doesn't believe in "stripping" a dog during the winter months unless the animal's fur is too matted to do otherwise, and only if she is assured the pet would not be subject to outdoor cold after being shaved down.

"I care about the pets I groom," she says. "I watch them. And each one is different. One dog might need to be groomed every month, while another every two months. You have to learn about each one."

And that she does. Her love of dogs includes a hearty threesome with the eclectic names of "Oreo," "Jack," and "Prince," all of whom kowtow to the house cat, a tri-color feline called "Fluffernutter."

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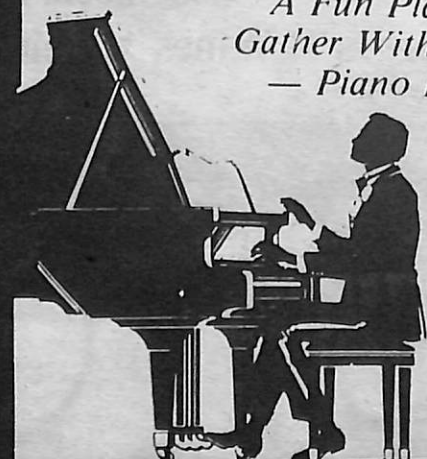
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by Jak Devine.

George & Green Offers Home Selling Tips

Homeowners should go over their entire homes room by room before placing it on the market for sale, says Tofie George, president of George & Green Real Estate Company.

"Often many homeowners fail to realize just how many repairs are needed before their homes can be sold," he says.

Advising homeowners on a variety of matters necessary for a successful sale is an important part of the services provided by George & Green Real Estate, which is a member of RELO/Inter-City Relocation Service, the nation's oldest and largest referral network of independent real estate brokers headquartered in Chicago.

The RELO Service network specializes in helping individuals, many of them corporate transferees, sell a house in one geographic area and purchase a home in another.

Through a recent agreement with Associates Corporation of North America, the consumer/commercial finance unit of Gulf Western Inc., George & Green Real Estate and other RELO members are now able to provide a wide array of financial products and services to help transferees and their families.

According to George, home sellers can expect potential buyers to try all lights and switches; turn all faucets on and off; run showers; flush toilets; turn on furnace and Central Air Conditioning; test all stove burners, ovens at bake and broil; run some ice cubes through the disposal to test blades; run dishwasher, washer and dryer through the complete cycle; and open and close all windows and doors. Potential buyers will even try keys and the fireplace flue.

"Homeowners often become accustomed to the problems in their home and don't recognize that they could be a potential turn-off to buyers," he notes.

"Because of this, our company has developed a list of potential buyer turn-offs for homesellers to be aware of, and repair if necessary," George adds.

The list includes:

— Poor physical appearance. A home with dirty and peeling paint, loose railings, broken doorbell, cracked or loose bricks or steps and an unkempt lawn will all detract from its appearance and make it more difficult to sell.

— Obvious plumbing problems. A dark stain on the ceiling; cracked, stained or loose bathroom tiles; mildew; crunchy floors; cracked or chipped fixtures; loose toilets; bathtub rot and dripping faucets are all signals of plumbing problems and a turn-off for prospective buyers.

— Water in your basement. There doesn't have to be standing water in your basement—just water marks on the walls, musty odors and mildew. These are enough to detract from the selling power of your home.

— Kitchen problems. The kitchen is a very important room in a home. Dingy kitchens with dirty or broken appliances, worn countertops, stained sinks, poor flooring and bad lighting are all potential problems which detract from your home's appearance.

— Cold. If potential homebuyers leave your house feeling cold, this means either the thermostat is set too low or there's a problem with the heating system.

George says, "These are just a few of the turn-offs that homeowners should repair so that their house will be fit for sale."

George & Green Real Estate is one of nearly 1,400-member RELO companies with more than 4,000-member offices nationwide.

George & Green has four offices and 70 sales associates and has served the Greater Springfield area for 13 years.

Alco Equipment Announces Saturday Hours In Agawam

ALCO Equipment, Inc., the Agawam-based firm dealing in sales of trailers and truck bodies, as well as in truck and trailer parts and service, has announced expanded service hours.

Effective January 7th, ALCO's Agawam Service Center at 32 Century Street, will be open for scheduled service on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. These hours are in addition to regular service hours of

Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Corporate spokesman David Townsend notes that ALCO has been servicing clients in the Agawam area since 1958. The expanded service hours allows clients to have maintenance work on their vehicles performed on the weekend.

For an appointment, call Tom Sweeney, 789-0330.

PLEASE REMEMBER our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Our office will be open all day on Martin Luther King, Monday, January 16th. Also, please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice for him to appear at your event. If we can be of help, call us at 786-7747.

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WESTERN MASS. EASTER SEAL CHILD JOSHUA BAILEY and Easter Seal Telethon Chairman George Abdo of Abdo's Big Boy Restaurants wish Agawam residents Joseph Rizza of WMAS and Gary Suffriti of Feeding Hills Public Market good luck in their fundraising efforts for the 1989 Easter Seal Telethon. The Telethon will air on TV-22 on March 5th. The Massachusetts goal for this year is \$1.7 million.

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"Dedicated Inhaler," Feeding Hills
ANSWER: Dear "Dedicated"—When a policy such as this is issued, there will quite naturally be some people opposed, and some people for it. Rather than create your own stress high points by remaining resentful and frustrated, perhaps the silver lining is that this type of policy might inspire you to think about the potential health risks of smoking.

You say you are healthy, but the chances of developing illness/health problems from continuing to smoke continues to grow. The research of the effects of other people's smoke ("passive" smoking) is really emphasizing the idea that the non smoker exposed to smoke suffers very much!

You have the ability to make a choice about your health. Do you continue to smoke? (or) Do you seek the professional assistance that is often needed to try and quit. Good luck and I hope you feel comfortable with your choices.

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YOUR Dental Health

by Dr. Stephen R. Jacaparo
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HOW CAVITIES START

Q. What causes cavities?

A. The process of decay results from interaction of plaque with carbohydrates (sugars and starches).

Everyone has plaque on their teeth. It is a thin, sticky film of bacteria and their byproducts which forms continuously. The bacteria interact with sugars and starches we eat to produce acids. Held to the tooth surface by the sticky plaque, the acids attack the enamel. Repeated acid attacks can penetrate the enamel and cause a cavity.

How to avoid cavities? First, brushing and flossing the teeth regularly keeps the plaque from building up. But professional cleaning, usually twice a year, is needed to remove plaque from difficult places. Second, avoid sweets to reduce the formation of the destructive acids.

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S.T.A.R.T. EXERCISING...

by Patrick Carley, M.S., R.P.T.
S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy
60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-8908

DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:

Boy, have I been bad! I must have put on 15 pounds over the holidays and my hips! I want to change my newly acquired "avocado shape" back into the "hour glass." I was thinking about S.T.A.R.T.ing with aggressive sit-ups. What do you recommend?

Holiday Hips

DEAR HIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY:

There is a plethora of people like yourself suffering from the post-holiday binge. The first thing that you want to do is keep that positive attitude and S.T.A.R.T. your exercise program slowly. Sit-ups or "crunches" are a good idea but not right away. It would be better to S.T.A.R.T. with a slight diet modification and some aerobic exercise. The combination will lower your food intake while increasing your calorie burn-off. When this occurs, you not only lower your weight but prepare your muscles to exercise more efficiently. Aerobic exercise would include activities such as walking, jogging, biking, swimming, or aerobic dance classes.

Once you've lost about 10 pounds, then you can begin a program of toning those flabby muscles. This is where the "crunches" will be beneficial in losing inches and tightening the belt a few notches. This exercise

will be the front line in your waist management new year's resolution.

Here is how crunches can be done safely and correctly. S.T.A.R.T. in a gradual progression, always keep your knees bent when doing any type of abdominal strengthening. Begin by criss-crossing your arms over your chest, then bend your neck forward so that you bring your chin to your chest. Progress to raising your shoulders off the ground. When doing sit-ups, you don't need to raise your whole upper body off the ground; the initial crunch is what will benefit you most. Also, concentrate on the stomach muscles that allow you to twist from side to side. These muscles are called obliques and strengthening them can be accomplished by raising one shoulder off the ground.

Now that you know how to properly do a sit-up, S.T.A.R.T. out SLOWLY by doing five crunches and gradually work your way up so that you can do about 30 crunches. Remember, proper diet combined with these exercises should take care of that holiday hip syndrome. That way we can give a whole new meaning to getting in shape! If you have any questions, give us a call at S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy, 786-8908.

Agawam-West Side La Leche League Sets Meeting Jan. 16th

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least 19 weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The

fourth of a series of four meetings will be held Monday, January 16th, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield. "Nutrition and Weaning" will be the topic discussed.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art Of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

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MSPCC Offers Winter Safety Tips For Your Children

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) offers these tips for keeping children healthy and happy during the winter season:

- *Dress children in clothing that stays warm and dry. Use boots with good traction.
- *Never leave a young child alone near a frozen lake. Call town officials for safe skating areas.
- *Teach children to use handrails in icy places.
- *Know bus schedules. Children shouldn't wait long.
- *Keep lit candles out of reach of young children.
- *Children should not play alone in the woods, especially after a heavy snowfall.
- *When school is cancelled, never leave a young child home alone.
- *Days are short. Youngsters should not be out alone in the dark. Adopt the "buddy" system.
- *Identify a friendly neighbor for emergencies, and give your child parents' work numbers.
- *Teach children not to open the door to strangers.
- *Names on clothing could encourage abductors to call a child by name.

Hampden County Sheriff Seeks Qualified Nurses

The Hampden County Sheriff's Medical Department is experiencing the current shortage of nurses even more acutely than many other health care providers.

The Sheriff's Department is in need of independent, dedicated RNs and LPNs who desire to be given credit for the full extent of their professional expertise and who desire to work in the front lines of health care, in the finest tradition of their profession.

Nurses interested in learning more about the positions are asked to call William Christofori at the Sheriff's Department, 781-1560, extension 219 or write: Nursing Positions, Personnel Office, Sheriff's Department, 79 York Street, Springfield, MA, 01105.

Support Group Set For Adult Children Of Alcoholics

Did you grow up in a family where one or both of your parents were alcoholic? If yes, then you may share many common experiences and relationship issues with other people who grew up in a similar situation.

The Agawam Counseling Center is now forming a support group for Adult Children of Alcoholics. The purpose of the group is to gain greater insight into how one's family of origin has impacted upon them through their childhood and as adults. Relevant topics and issues will be determined by the needs of the group members with additional information to be provided by the facilitator.

The support group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. It started January 3rd. This is a time limited group and will run for 20 sessions and will be limited to a maximum of seven members.

If you are interested in this group or know of someone who would be, then please contact Dan Plotkin at the Agawam Counseling Center, 786-6410.

Ag. Senior Citizens Invited To Free Health Clinic At ElderHaven

Attention all senior citizens of Agawam: There is a free Blood Pressure and Diabetic Testing Clinic, Tuesday, January 24th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at ElderHaven Adult Day Center, 340 Springfield Street, Agawam.

The clinic is sponsored by the Agawam Health Department and ElderHaven Inc. No appointment is necessary.

For further information, contact Linda Nadeau, 789-4311, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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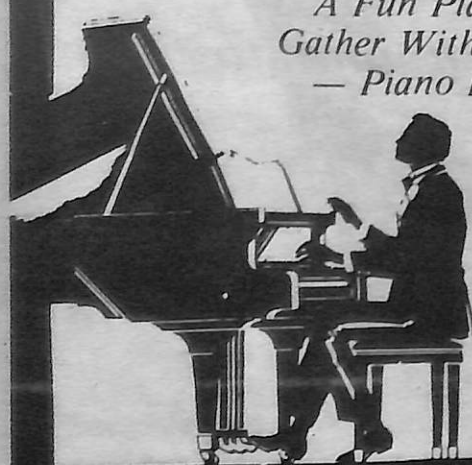
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Phil Benoit's 10 Best Films Of 1988

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

* 10TH PLACE - TWINS:

Comedy was king during the just-passed holiday season, and this truly delightful charmer was one of the undisputed rulers at the box office. Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito, the film tells the story of a pair of totally dissimilar twins who, at the age of 35, meet each other for the first time and set out on a madcap journey to try and find their long-lost mother.

Twins was a most pleasant surprise because it turned out to be an entertaining comedy that tickles our funny bones as well as tugs at our heartstrings. What's more, it showcases some of the finest work which Schwarzenegger (*Red Heat*) and DeVito (*Throw Momma From the Train*) have ever done, and also represents the highest achievement to date for director Ivan Reitman, whose previous endeavors, *Stripes* and *Ghostbusters*, didn't give us any indication that he possessed the ability to successfully handle warmly emotional humor.

* 9TH PLACE - IMAGINE: JOHN LENNON:

Compiled from innumerable hours of footage and made with the cooperation of his estate, this excellent documentary chronicles the personal life and career of the late and much lamented John Lennon, ranging from his early days as one of the legendary members of the Beatles to his latter years as a solo performer and as the husband of the ever-controversial Yoko Ono.

A must-see picture for all of Lennon's fans, *Imagine* is an enlightening and emotionally stirring examination of one of the most gifted singer-songwriters in contemporary music history. Comprised of interviews with people who knew him, excerpts from live performances, and behind-the-scenes looks at recording sessions, this deeply-felt tribute conveys both his exceptional talent and unique personality, and exemplifies how they influenced and were influenced by the turbulent years of the late 1960's and early 1970's.

* 8TH PLACE - WILLOW:

A superb medieval-ish fantasy for the entire family from director Ron Howard (the original *Cocoon*) and executive producer George Lucas (the *Star Wars* trilogy), *Willow* is the adventure of a small-of-stature, would-be sorcerer (Warwick Davis) who teams up with a renegade swordsman (Val Kilmer) to protect an enchanted baby girl from an evil queen (Jean Marsh).

Because it received much unjust criticism from a good number of influential film reviewers, the picture fell short of becoming the huge blockbuster that it deserved to be. Yet, thanks to the existence of the videotape market, moviegoers who missed it on the silver screen can now bring home and see, at last, the state-of-the-art special effects, first-rate performances, and action-packed excitement which made *Willow* one of the top-notch sword-and-sorcery epics in years.

* 7TH PLACE - TUCKER: THE MAN AND HIS DREAM:

In addition to taking us to a long-ago land of make-believe in *Willow*, George Lucas, in tandem with direc-

tor Francis Ford Coppola (*Gardens of Stone*), took us to post-World War II America and presented us with the true but not-widely-known story of Preston Tucker (Jeff Bridges), a maverick and flamboyant entrepreneur who locked horns with Detroit's automobile empire when he came up with the "Tucker," a revolutionary car that was ahead of its time and created both happiness and heartache for its inventor.

A nostalgic blend of humor and drama which exquisitely recreates the atmosphere and flavor of our culture during the late 1940's, *Tucker* is not only a superlative testament to one man's indomitable spirit in the face of nearly insurmountable obstacles, but is also a definite high point in the career of Bridges (*The Morning After*), one of Hollywood's most talented yet often ill-used actors.

* 6TH PLACE - A FISH CALLED WANDA:

Films with offbeat titles such as this one tend to do poor business at the box office, but when word got around on how funny this picture was, *A Fish Called Wanda* quickly became a hit during the latter weeks of last summer. Directed by veteran moviemaker Charles Crichton (*The Lavender Hill Mob*), this uproarious English comedy centers on a jewel heist and the four people who play important roles in its aftermath: two American thieves (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), a weak-kneed thug (Michael Palin), and a mild-mannered British barrister (John Cleese).

A zany, Monty Python-ish farce that scathingly satirizes English as well as American foibles, *A Fish Called Wanda* is loaded with hysterically hilarious moments that will shock and surprise you. So, if you have yet to see it, be sure to take a gander at it when it eventually arrives in your local video store.

* 5TH PLACE - BULL DURHAM:

As a rule, flicks dealing with the sport of baseball strike out with filmgoing audiences. But, due to its splendid story and cast, *Bull Durham* was an exception that hit a money-making homerun throughout our nation's theaters.

Set in the world of minor league baseball, this sophisticated and adult-oriented comedy focuses on a sexy baseball groupie (Susan Sarandon) who becomes amorously attached to one player per season; this year, however, she's torn between two men — a young, dim-witted pitcher (Tim Robbins), and an older, cynical catcher (Kevin Costner).

Written and directed by Ron Shelton (a former ballplayer himself), *Bull Durham* is perfect entertainment on two levels; in addition to being a wryly affectionate homage to baseball, it happens to be an extremely candid and sultry depiction of the ups and downs which often characterize romantic relationships.

* 4TH PLACE - HOPE AND GLORY:

A cheerful and beautifully made comedy-drama about a nine year-old English boy's (Sebastian Rice-

Edwards) experiences during World War II, this movie was nominated for five awards at last spring's Oscar ceremony, including the top prize for Best picture.

Essentially an autobiographical story based on the boyhood of its director, British filmmaker John Boorman (*Excalibur*), *Hope and Glory* is a fanciful tale which examines the spectre of war through the eyes of a child, and how his initial feelings of excitement and wonderment become more somber and less naive with the passage of time.

People who were children during the second World War will be able to identify with the picture's characters and, in the process, relive their own youthful memories; consequently, if they see *Hope and Glory*, it will make for a most fulfilling movie-viewing experience that's rich with nostalgic emotions.

* 3RD PLACE - THE GLASS MENAGERIE:

One of the best cinematic treatments of a play that I have ever seen, this little-known and little-seen adaptation of Tennessee Williams's classic drama was directed by actor Paul Newman and stars his wife Joanne Woodward as a proud and overbearing middle-aged woman; John Malkovich (*Empire of the Sun*) as her restless son who dreams of pursuing a career as a writer; and Karen Allen (*Scrooged*) as her crippled, overly inhibited daughter.

Since its debut on Broadway in 1945, *The Glass Menagerie* has been regarded as one of our country's finest and foremost plays, and the praiseworthy efforts of Newman and his performers do more than justice to it. Therefore, at the risk of sounding once again like an advertisement for videotaped movies, let me say that this is another worthwhile film which deserves to be rented (or bought) and played on your VCR.

* 2ND PLACE - THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST:

Undoubtedly the most controversial motion picture in recent years (if not of all time), this religious drama depicts Jesus of Nazareth (Willem Dafoe) as a man whose physical essence and spirituality were frequently in conflict with each other, and how his inner turmoil made him susceptible to earthly and Satanic temptations.

Directed with hard-hitting poignancy by Martin Scorsese (*The Color of Money*) and featuring an unforgettable performance by Dafoe (*Platoon*) in the title role, *The Last Temptation of Christ* is the kind of film that you either wholeheartedly admire or vehemently hate. Obviously, in my book, the movie is not the "blasphemous trash" which its detractors have called it; instead, I found it to be a thought-provoking and intellectually-stimulating story which makes us really think about our own religious convictions and, more importantly, reaffirms both the divinity and humanity of human history's most influential figure.

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PHILM REVIEW

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— *Hellbound: Hellraiser II: 0 STARS*

In a squalid supernatural chiller titled *Hellraiser*, we were introduced to a group of bizarre-looking and torture-loving ghouls who reside in a nightmarish, otherworldly dimension; and, as we quickly found out, the only way that normal, mortal beings can come into contact with these not-so-charming creatures was by way of an object which I have come to describe as a demonic Rubik's Cube.

Now, in this unwarranted and equally lousy sequel, the ghouls are back, along with a number of these Rubik's Cubes, and a few of the forgettable human characters who appeared in the original film.

From the lackadaisical tone of the two preceding paragraphs, you can obviously see that *Hellbound: Hellraiser II* failed to make any more of an impression on me than its unillustrious predecessor did. Following in the tainted footsteps of the first movie, this follow-up flick is needlessly confusing because its storyline lacks the proper amount of characterization and plot details; moreover, the entire movie is awash with unbelievably gory special effects that are initially startling to look at but are not genuinely frightening.

In next week's edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, I will have the pleasure of rendering my verdict on what I consider to be the 10 - count 'em, 10 - worst films of 1988. However, to reduce some of the suspense that might exist among my readers, I will say that *Hellbound: Hellraiser II* did not wind up among that rock-bottom 10.

After all, this piece of trash was so unmemorable that I'd just assume dismiss it from my mind as soon as I'm finished writing this review and NOT give it an

aura of notoriety by placing it on my annual list of dishonorable mentions.

— *Rain Man: 3 STARS*

A superbly acted drama about a yuppie Los Angeles car dealer (Tom Cruise) who, upon his wealthy father's death, learns that he has a much-older, autistic brother (Dustin Hoffman) who's spent many years in a mental institution in Cincinnati. But, when also learns that his middle-aged sibling has inherited the lion's share of their dad's estate, the young man "kidnaps" his brother from the institution and tries to figure out a way to get what he feels is his rightful portion of this inheritance.

Directed by the talented and well-respected Barry Levinson (*Good Morning, Vietnam*), *Rain Man* has been garnering lofty praise from the majority of our nation's film critics. I, on the other hand, do not hold the picture in as high of a regard.

Most of the film takes place during a road trip from Cincinnati to Los Angeles, and throughout this lengthy portion of the story, the two men experience many trials and tribulations which ultimately cause the younger one to develop a strong emotional attachment for his autistic brother. Unfortunately, the events and conflicts which lead to these benevolent feelings grow a bit tedious and lackluster to watch as the picture progresses.

Still, I do admire *Rain Man* for the outstanding efforts by its pair of leading men. After making a fool of himself in the 1987 fiasco *Ishtar*, Hoffman has now redeemed himself 100-percent with his eloquent, enlightening, and thoroughly believable depiction of an autistic person, complete with the disjointed physical and verbal mannerisms which characterize this often misunderstood ailment.

Not to be outdone by his co-star, Cruise (*Cocktail*) turns in an impressive portrayal in his own right. Though I have enjoyed most of his performances in such earlier movies as *Top Gun* and *All the Right Moves*, his role in *Rain Man* represents his most dramatically significant work to date, in that it allows him to show much emotional range as an initially self-centered and short-tempered individual who gradually develops feelings of compassion and empathy via his relationship with Hoffman's character.

— *Working Girl: 3 STARS*

From director Mike Nichols (*Biloxi Blues*), this lighthearted corporate comedy chronicles the rags-to-riches story of 30-year-old secretary (Melanie Griffith) who is anxious to make a name for herself in the business world. And, when her back-stabbing boss (Sigourney Weaver) is forced to take some time off as a result of a skiing accident, our heroine decides to fill her superior's shoes and carry out a lucrative transaction with a big-shot executive (Harrison Ford) at another company.

Basically a female version of Michael J. Fox's 1987 hit, *The Secret of My Success*, *Working Girl* is entertaining and farfetched fluff which makes fun of the brutal, dog-eat-dog realities of American business. But, what really makes this film enjoyable is the first-rate acting by the entire cast.

Among the supporting players, Alec Baldwin (*Mariaged to the Mob*) is amusingly sleazy as Griffith's (*Something Wild*) philandering boyfriend, and Joan Cusack (*Broadcast News*) occasionally steals the show as her quick-tongued yet slightly dimwitted best friend.

Meanwhile, Weaver (*Gorillas in the Mist*) skillfully projects the oily, too-good-to-be-true persona of a sneaky woman who's only looking out for her own interests. In contrast, Ford (*Frantic*) comes across as an endearingly droll nice guy, courtesy of a tongue-in-cheek suaveness which proves that he possesses a natural flair for lightweight humor.

Best of all, however, is Griffith in the title role. While she does have the kind of babyish, high-pitched voice that you'd associate with the stereotypical dumb blonde, this young actress supplies her character with a sharp-witted intelligence that's complemented by winsome charm and cherubic sexiness.

* THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

- *Hellbound: Hellraiser II*: Rated R for the excessively graphic nature of its bloody special effects, and some brief nudity and profanity.
- *Rain Man*: Rated R for adult themes, situations, and profanity.
- *Working Girl*: Rated R for some nudity, profanity, and adult-oriented humor.

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* 1ST PLACE - *GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM*:

In 1987, the Academy Award-winning *Platoon* dramatized the Vietnam War with a sense of harrowing realism that recreated the true horror of war on the silver screen. But, in 1988, this hotly debated war was examined in a seriocomic and equally successful manner in *Good Morning, Vietnam*, which stars Robin Williams as a real-life U.S. Air Force disc jockey who, in 1965, entertained the Vietnam troops and infuriated his superiors with his irreverent and politically-oriented humor.

By turns hilarious and somber, director Barry Levinson (*Rain Man*) proves that comedy can be effective in dealing with serious topics, and his movie does just this by simultaneously poking fun at the military establishment and earnestly illustrating the futility that typified the war in Vietnam. Additionally, *Good Morning, Vietnam* highlights Williams' (*Club Paradise*) best cinematic efforts yet in an Oscar-nominated role that was tailor-made to his inimitably dynamic skills as a comedic actor.

* PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Next week, Phil will reveal his list of "The 10 Worst Films of 1988."

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Artist Matt Paleologopoulos At Agawam Public Library

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Matt started taking art lessons when he was 10 years-old, and continued his interest in art in high school, taking some art classes there. He received his associate's degree in art from Holyoke Community College, and a bachelor of arts degree in print-making from the University of Massachusetts.

He presented his thesis exhibit for his bachelor's degree at Amherst College. He has been involved in two faculty shows at the Quadrangle, and has participated in a juried exhibition through the Springfield Art League. This is his second exhibit at the Agawam Public Library.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The library is closed January 16th, Martin Luther King Day.

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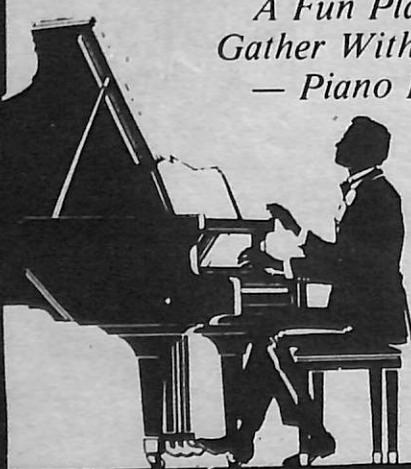
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The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council will interview all applicants based on the criteria of the project's quality, financial need, and community involvement.

In addition, Performing Arts Students Series (P.A.S.S.) grants are available for schools and other groups to have school-aged children attend professional performances.

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Arts Council Announces Local Grant Winners

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council is pleased to announce the recipients of the Massachusetts Art Lottery grant money for the fall cycle, 1988.

They are as follows:

Lawrence O'Brien, Jr.—to print a special issue of the *Unicorn* literary magazine. This issue will include submission from high school students and the townspeople of Agawam. The publication will be distributed in the community.

Jean Taylor—for the movie, "The Growth of a Town" onto VCR tapes.

Darcy Davis, music director—for the "Young Ambassador Brass Band of Great Britain" for a free concert in Agawam, during the summer of 1989.

Kids and Books, a locally produced television series. The Agawam grant will help fund a program series about children's literature in England, the basis of our own American literature. After a two-week tour of England, to sites associated with children's literature, a four-part series will be televised with the themes of Legends and Lore, Mysterious happenings and characters, The Great Books, classic and modern, and Stories and Rhymes for the very young.

Warren Amerman—for a concert of choral music by the Wilbraham Men's Glee Club in the Town of Agawam.

The approved P.A.S.S. applications are:

Lee Havelton—for the fifth grade of the Agawam Middle School to attend a Springfield Symphony Orchestra Education program.

Evelyn Lester—for fifth grade students at the Agawam Middle School to attend a performance of *Hansel and Gretel* by Project Opera Performance for Children.

Rosemary Stratton—for students in the 11th and 12th grade of the Agawam High School to attend the play *Macbeth* at StageWest.

Rosemary Stratton—for the seniors of Mr. O'Brien's advanced placement class to attend *A Christmas Carol* at StageWest.

James Clark School PTO—for fourth grade students at James Clark School to attend a live Children's Theatre at Mt. Holyoke College to see *James And The Giant Peach*.

James Clark School PTO—for second grade students at James Clark School to attend a live Children's Theatre at Mt. Holyoke College to see *Adventures Of Paddington Bear*.

James Clark School PTO—for second grade students to attend a live Children's Theatre at Springfield Symphony Hall to see *Pinocchio*.

Victorian Stencilling Course At Historic Museum Jan. 18th

Curator of Education and early American decorative artist, Alice Smith, will teach a three-week course "Victorian Stenciling" beginning Wednesday, January 18th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Victorians decorated with a lavish hand and Victorian-era stenciling was more elaborate and ornate than that of an earlier period. In this three-week series, instructor Alice Smith, also a trustee and member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, will share her expertise in teaching participants how to accurately cut stencils and stencil samples of Victorian-style patterns. This course is offered in conjunction with the Historical Museum's exhibit, "Valley Victorians: Springfield Homes of the 19th Century," and is open to beginning level and experienced students.

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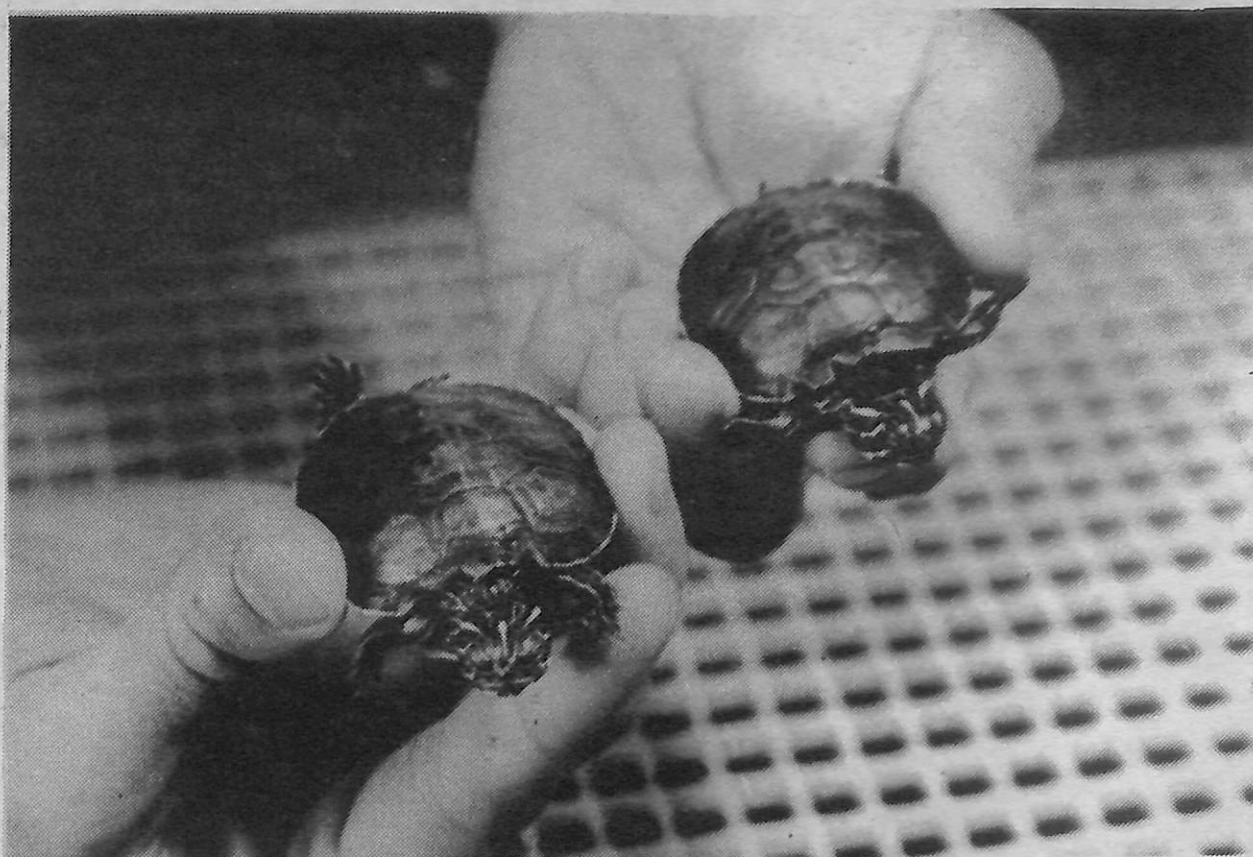
The cost for this course is \$21 for members of the Springfield Library and Museums, and \$24 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required and should be received at least one week before the class begins. For more information and registration, please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

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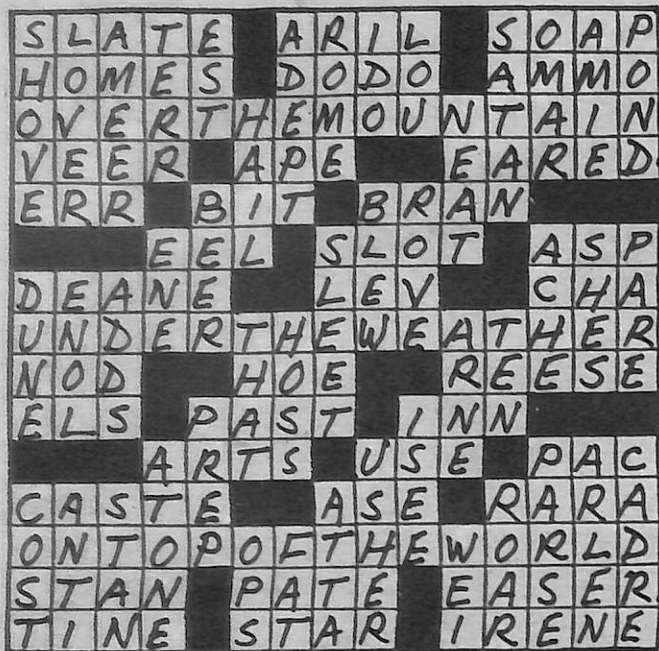
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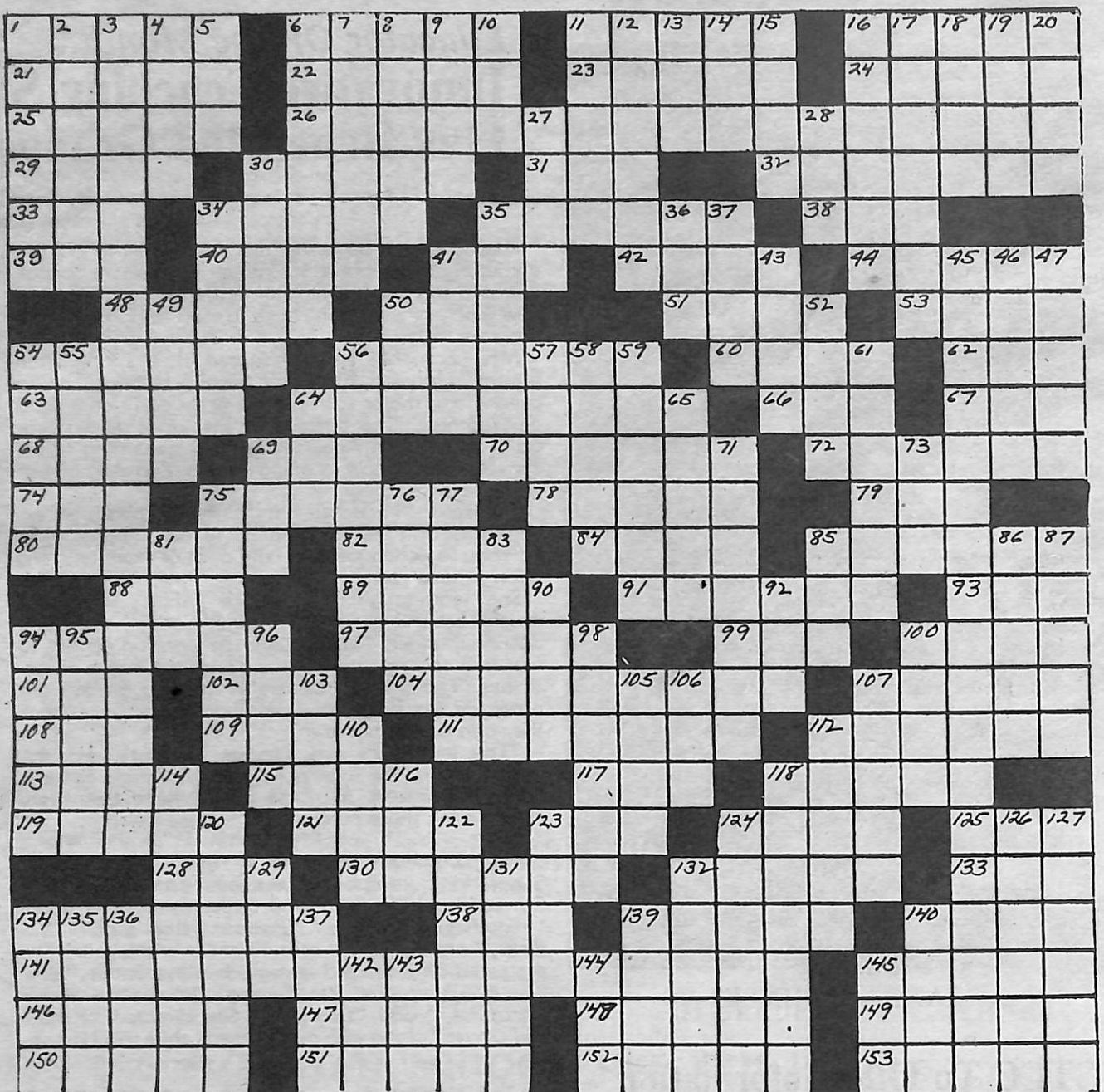
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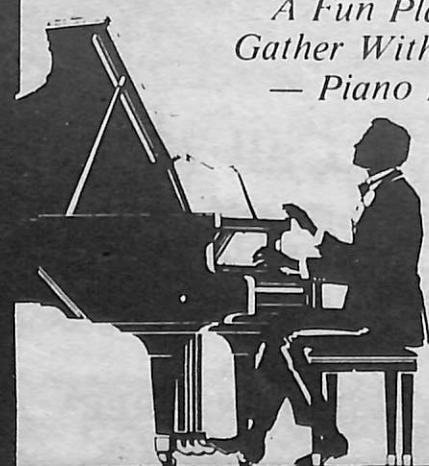
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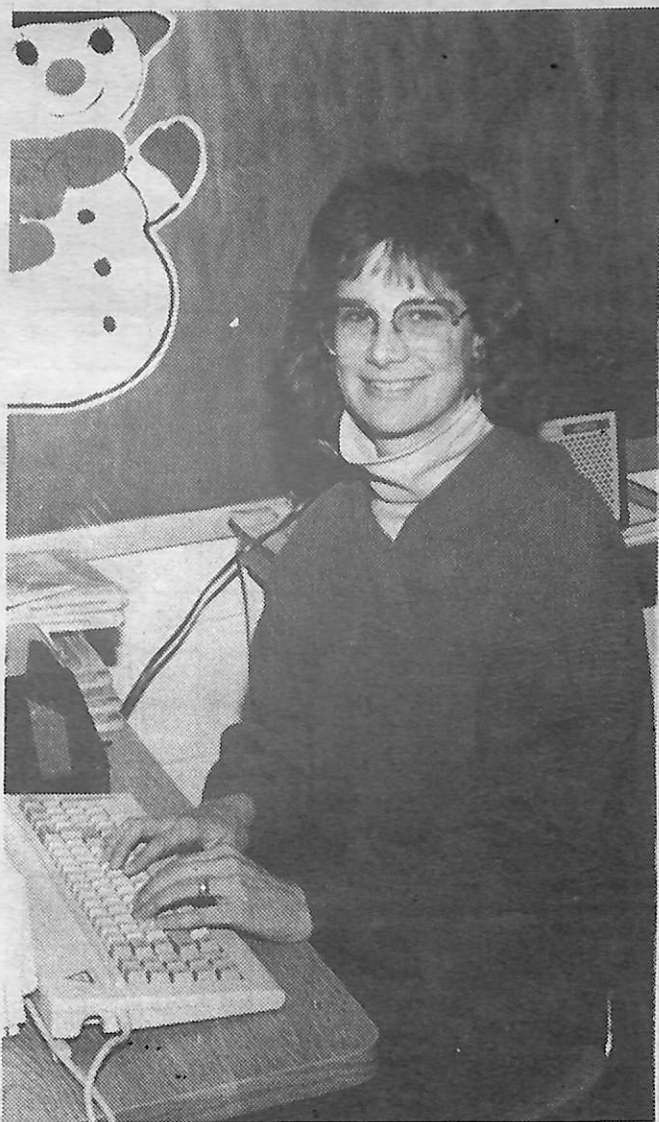
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Education



JANE ZABIELSKI

Educator Of The Month...

Innovative Teaching Style Of Jane Zabielski Has Benefitted Granger School Since 1973

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Jane Zabielski began her teaching career in 1973 as a kindergarten teacher at Granger Elementary School. It was a memorable year for Agawam because eight new teachers were being hired to start the kindergarten program in town.

Mrs. Zabielski had graduated that spring from Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, as a psychology major with her minor in early childhood development. The opening of the kindergarten program that fall in Agawam was the beginning of six consecutive years of teaching for Mrs. Zabielski at that grade level.

She said, "I tried to bring a lot of hands-on experiences and learning centers to the children. Ann Favreau (a colleague) and I did a lot of team-teaching during those years."

She team-taught with Janice DiFilipi when she taught second grade at Granger School, too. Mrs. Zabielski added, "We brought the learning centers to first and second graders, along with the hands-on activities. The learning centers in the first grade I am presently teaching stress development activities that they can do on their own."

"The individual work focuses on math, reading, language with our 'big books' and the writing centers. Parent volunteers from the P.T.O. have been very helpful with these centers."

Mrs. Zabielski has become famous at Granger School for putting on her students' productions. Mrs. Favreau and she held kindergarten programs about "Woodland Animals," "Famous Americans," "Indians," and "A Whale of A Tale," over the years. She produced and directed first grade plays about "How The Elephant Got His Trunk," "The Care Bear's Christmas," and "Dinosaur." She directed "Hansel and Gretel" along with many others while teaching se-

cond grade.

This year Mrs. Zabielski is again teaching first graders and is introducing these students to the "whole language program."

She said, "This program teaches specific skills through literature. We choose a book or poem to highlight letters, colors and number words, punctuation, or theme. We have had two in-service days on the whole language program."

She is presently a student at the master of arts program in the Hartford Seminary for non-religious studies (concentration on lay ministry). She also volunteers at the Westfield Soup Kitchen with her church. She was proud of the fact that she was able to play her first flute solo with the church organist during Christmas Eve service this year.

Residing with her family in Westfield, her two sons, Joey, 10, and Teddy, 6, both attend Westfield Schools. "Joey is very bright and is in the fifth grade. Teddy is in first grade and both are excellent students. They both play soccer and baseball," she said.

Mrs. Zabielski also finds time to enjoy cross-country skiing, tennis, and cooking when she is not volunteering her time, teaching, being a mother, wife, or student. "We're a multi-skilled family," she said.

Her husband, Joseph Zabielski, is a long-time history teacher for junior and senior students at Agawam High School. He is also the advisor to the AHS National Honor Society.

She commented, "I have students when they enter the educational system and he (her husband) gets them when they are leaving. It is really interesting to be able to recognize some of my students from years ago and follow their progress through to graduation."

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Bambi Nursery School To Help In Easter Seal HOP-N-ING

Youngsters at Bambi Nursery School in Agawam will learn about physical disabilities the week of January 17th through a special Easter Seal program, sponsored by Zayre.

The Easter Seal HOP-N-ING teaches children about the causes of disabilities and their effects on people's everyday lives. The children also find out how wheelchairs, crutches, and other specialized equipment work.

The HOP-N-ING also gives the kids a chance to help. They hop as many times as they can in three minutes,

earning money pledged for each hop by family and friends.

Funds raised help provide Easter Seal services for people with disabilities. Services include: summer camp, therapeutic swim programs, home health care, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, support groups for people recovering from strokes and information and referral services.

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Jessica Liptak Has "An American Tale"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam Junior High's Jessica Liptak, an eighth grader, has become involved in helping out at the Blandford Fair which takes place each year during Labor Day weekend.

Jessica's mother, Valerie Liptak, is an Agawam teacher at Clark Elementary School and is on the board of directors for the Blandford Fair. Thus, Jessica's interest and participation at the Fair developed through a family effort.

This year, Jessica decided to enter a caricature drawing she had done for seventh grade art class in hopes of winning a blue ribbon for its exhibit at the Youth Building. Jessica didn't win a blue ribbon for the water-colored cartoon character she had made in her art classes at the junior high, but she did manage to sell her first painting.

Jessica and her mother were setting their hopes high, so they thought, when they were determined to keep the painting on exhibit for the required time, even after Jessica's mom was approached with a request to purchase the painting. Jessica was confident that she could win a blue ribbon at the fair, but wasn't too sure about the inquiring stranger.

Ms. Liptak said, "A man approached me to inquire about purchasing Jessica's picture. He looked like your typical woodsmen; he was bearded and casually dressed. He said his name was Tony Geiss and that he was the co-author of *An American Tail*."

"Since I wasn't sure what credentials could be sup-

plied (to prove he was a famous screenplay writer) I decided to ask Jessica what she wanted to do," she said. "We decided to tell Mr. Geiss we wanted to finish out the exhibit and that if he was still interested, he could purchase the painting the following evening when the exhibit was complete."

"With time on our side, we figured if he was sincere, he'd return to buy the drawing, even if he was not who he said he was." After going home, Ms. Liptak checked their copy of the book *An American Tail*. She saw Tony Geiss' name as co-author and believed they had met "the real thing."

The next night, Mr. Geiss returned to make his purchase. He told Jessica and Ms. Liptak that he often came to write at quiet places like Blandford and was working on *The Land Before Time* about dinosaurs that is now playing in theatres. He said that "Steve (Steven Spielberg) would be interested in Jessica's drawing." He then paid Jessica for her painting.

Ms. Liptak had brought along their copy of *An American Tail*. She said, "When I asked Mr. Geiss to autograph our book, he opened the cover and saw the message left there the Christmas before by 'Your Friend Fievel'. He asked me if I realized that it was forgery, and I told him that it wouldn't be anymore once he autographed the book!"

Jessica may not have won a blue ribbon, but she certainly received a good incentive to keep up her homework assignments.



8TH GRADER JESSICA LIPTAK

Town Students On STCC Dean's List

Area residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall, 1988 semester at Springfield Technical Community College have been announced by Dean of Student Services William M. Manzi. The Dean's List is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. Students carrying a course load of 12 or more semester hours, who achieve a quality point average of 3.3 or above, are placed on the Dean's List.

Agawam residents named to the Dean's List include

Sean Collins, Nicholas Ditomaso, Thomas Fountain, Judy Govoni, Anna Grasseti, Robert Harkins, Susan Harriman, Judith LeClerc, Sally Librero, Jan Nooney, and Peter Santaniello.

Feeding Hills residents who achieved Dean's List status include Nancy Bass, Anna Chiarella, David Cormier, Jennifer Herd, Thomas Lariviere, Thomas Morrison, Rosemarie Rossi, Paul Talbot, and Andrew Vezis.

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A Night To Remember!



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL held its Winter Semi-Formal on Thursday, December 29th, at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. Pictured above are Alan Boucher, Chris Bergin (back) and Amy Barber and Carolyn Belniak (seated). SEE CENTER-FOLD on Pages 16 and 17. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ATTENDING THE DECEMBER 29TH Winter Semi-Formal, sponsored by Agawam High School, are Ernie Grasso and Jennifer Clafin, and Lani Daniels and Jay Parnell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Among courses in art and home crafts are: Anyone Can Draw, Beginning and Advanced Watercolor Painting, Country Crafts, Flower Arranging, and Oil Painting for Beginners. Also, Planning and Planting an Herb Garden, Using the Herbal Bounty, Rosemaking (Decorative Painting), Traditional Oriental Brush Painting, and Woodcarving.

Professional development courses include: Introducing the IBM Personal Computer, Intermediate IBM PC, Beginning Word Processing on the IBM PC (Multimate), and Beginning Word Processing on the Wang VS100, as well as Typewriting and Shorthand, and Public Speaking for People Who Hate to Speak in Public.

Personal interest courses are: Ballroom Dancing, Basic Skills of Seamanship, Beginning and Advanced Interior Design, Beginning and Intermediate Italian, Beginning Photography, Conversational French, and Conversational Spanish. Also, Investing, Yoga, Enhancing Math Learning (for parents), and How Parents Can Become Allies with Schools.

A new series in life management offers: Anger/Conflict Management, Assertiveness Training, Balancing Career and Personal Life, Do You Ask to be Ignored?, Getting Your Ideas Across to (Almost) Everyone, Power and Influence: How to Recognize, Get, and Use Them, Stress Management (Freeing Yourself from the Burden), and Time Management.

Also offered is a six-session conference, How To Start Your Own Business, co-sponsored with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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Kids Will Love Reptile Program On Jan. 22nd At Quadrangle!

Are you afraid to come within a few feet of a snake, let alone handle one? Scared to pet a turtle? Then it's time to rid yourself of these unfounded fears and get acquainted with some friendly "reclusive reptiles" at the Springfield Library and Museums' Sunday Spectrum on January 22nd from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., at the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets. This edition of the free weekly series will also focus on "Artistic Traces in Public Places."

"These snakes are actually very friendly," explained Museum Aquarist Sue Clark, referring to "Missy," the red-tailed boa constrictor, and "Regis," the kind snake, that she'll introduce to the audience at 1:30 p.m. in the Science Museum. "It's a myth that snakes are aggressive; they just want to be your friends." Visitors will have a chance to handle the snakes under Clark's supervision.

At 2:30 p.m., Ms. Clark will present an informative slide show that will acquaint visitors with a gamut of reptiles—lizards, alligators, crocodiles and, of course, snakes.

Also in the Science Museum at 3:30 p.m., Ms. Clark will introduce both local and exotic species of turtles to museum-goers, including the endangered red-bellied turtle, the rarest reptile in Massachusetts. Visitors can get a closer look at the shelled creatures at the popular exhibit "Turtle's Eye View" in the Science Museum's Exploration Center.

Tracy Brockway will help youngsters to make their own "humbuzzer," a kazoo decorated like a snake, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the Science Museum.

Meanwhile at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, Jan Atamian, an Easthampton artist who recently taught mural-making in Nicaragua, will demonstrate mural painting from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Atamian has completed political-type murals around the country and will show visitors the techniques she uses.

At 2:00 p.m., John Phelps, a teacher at the GWVS Art School for more than 30 years, will present a behind-the-scenes look at the Museum's own Depression-era mural created by Sante Graziani. Phelps, a former muralist for the Works Progress Administration during the Depression, will also present a slide show on a number of murals in the Springfield area that were painted during that time period.

Visitors will have the opportunity to try their hands at the ancient technique of "fresco," the art of painting on wet plaster to create a permanent image. The technique has been employed by many artists to produce lasting murals on plaster walls. The art-making workshop will be held from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the GWVS Art Museum. There will also be a giant mural set up nearby during that time that visitors will be encouraged to paint.

A Quadrangle-wide series of family-oriented programs, Sunday Spectrum features a selection of performances, hands-on projects, displays and demonstrations centered around a common theme each week. The program is being sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

Free parking is available in the Association's lots on State Street, across from the City Library, and on Edwards Street. Additional parking is available nearby at a small cost.

The Springfield Library and Museums Association is a private, non-profit organization comprised of the Springfield City Library System, Museum of Fine Arts, Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, Springfield Science Museum, and George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Sunday Spectrum will continue on January 29th with a look at "Modern Lights" that will include a thrilling 3-D show.

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The project will focus on the following areas in the Agawam Community and schools under the headings of: **Town History, Business, Sports, Music and Arts, General Questions.**

Anyone in the community can submit questions and answers to Darcy Davis at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, 01001. We cannot guarantee that all questions submitted will be included in the final publication, but will do our best in this regard.

If support of the project is sufficient, a full game board with local business establishments and organizations on it will be produced. Ads will also be solicited for the publication of the "Trivia" information itself either as part of the game or separately.

The time schedule for the project will be:

- 1) Collection of questions/answers during January and February along with advertising solicitations;
- 2) Material will be assembled in the spring along with decisions on the scope of the printing venture; and
- 3) Actual production during the summer with the booklets or games available for sale in the fall of 1989.

Proceeds from this production will be earmarked for scholarships and special projects in the band area, and it is hopeful that a capitalization fund for scholarships can be set up.

In the sense that many of the questions will not be trivial in nature, the project will provide a good community service in keeping alive the rich heritage and tradition of the town; following the footsteps of town historian Edith LaFrancis's book on Agawam history, and the work of Marilyn and Dick Curry, current local historians, who author weekly columns in *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

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by Ralph Rachele

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Middle School Students Say NO To Drugs

This past Thursday night a graduation ceremony was held at the Agawam Middle School to mark the end of a 17-week period of instruction and discussion in Project D.A.R.E.

Approximately 150 fifth graders received certificates of completion and pins to signify the occasion. Each was asked to write something pertaining to the program and describe what they had learned over the entire period. Many of the students were recognized at the graduation for their excellent essays, but we felt the following three were worth printing for readers of *The Agawam Advertiser News* to enjoy. The students are from the class of Anthony Ferreira, Room 6, at the Middle School.

"Just Say No"

*Drug awareness we have been taught
What is safe and what is not*

*To start or experiment is a joke
That is why it's called dope*

*Not only does it affect your work
It makes you look like a complete jerk*

*Cigarettes smell, so will your breath
And eventually lead to a young death*

*Alcohol is also bad
To look at a drunk is so very sad*

What a waste is what they say

To get into a car and drive this way

*Someone will get hurt,
Maybe someone you know
It may be a friend or may be a foe*

*But alcohol will be to blame
To abuse it is an awful shame*

*Don't start something you can't finish!
My parents have always said*

*Always remember to say no to drugs
Or you can end up dead!*

Elana Campurciani

D.A.R.E.

The D.A.R.E. program really helped me understand the dangers of drugs.

In the program I learned that I am the only person that should rule my life. I know when to say No to drugs or alcohol. Other people might do drugs and think they are cool but I know drugs are not right for me.

The role playing part of the program helped teach me good ideas on how to say No. You don't have to be on drugs to fit in. There are many ways to have fun and feel good about yourself.

I learned that drugs can be very dangerous to your heart, brain, and the rest of your body. You could die from trying drugs only one

time. It is not worth taking even one chance.

I really liked the way the police officers were so honest about their answers to the questions that we had about drugs. It showed me that you are never too young to know the truth about drugs and alcohol.

Kim Faust

What I Have Learned From D.A.R.E.

Well, first of all; I have learned that D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. D.A.R.E. has brought me wise choices that I have decided would be a good idea to use in the future. I know a lot more than I did before I had D.A.R.E. When I found out that I was going to have D.A.R.E. in fifth grade, I was very happy. I thought to myself that this would be the best time for me to learn a little bit more about how to say no to drugs.

I hope that D.A.R.E. will be around in the future so that everybody, and when I say everybody I don't just mean the kids, I also mean the parents can learn to say no to DRUGS!! just like I have. I have also learned from D.A.R.E. that you can have a good time without having to use drugs, and I think that your friends, and most important your family will respect you for what you are without the use of drugs. And if they don't then they need help from D.A.R.E.

Melissa Parenteau

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, January 16th: No School, Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday, January 17th: Beef and rice soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, buttered green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, January 18th: Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, raw carrots, chilled peaches in syrup, or strawberry jello, milk.

Thursday, January 19th: Baked hamburger and macaroni with meatsauce, garlic bread, broccoli cuts, applesauce or chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

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Sports

Chicopee, Minnechaug Latest Victims Of AHS; Conte's Charges Roll To 7-1

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

The Agawam High girls' basketball team upped its record to 7-1, Tuesday, January 10th, with a 68-55 victory over Valley Wheel opponent Minnechaug Regional. Eighteen point efforts by All Western Mass. guard Lori DeSimone and sophomore backcourt mate Joy Clark led the way.

Coach Lou Conte was pleased with his team's performance. The Brownies came out and controlled things from the opening tap, leading by 15 at the intermission and continued the comfort zone from 8-15 points in the second half.

"We worked well today on offense," was how Conte assessed things afterwards. "We shot really well and moved the ball around well. Defensively, we gave up the most points we have all year and for us that was inexcusable."

Conte was alluding to his philosophy that in order to win consistently AHS must outthrustle and apply heavy pressure on their opponents.

Second and third shots by the opposition, a feature of Minnechaug's offense on Tuesday, are not in this team's best interests.

"We didn't hit the boards well today at all and that was one area I wasn't pleased with," he said. "We must play better defense to be successful."

Junior Karen Patterson chipped in 13 points and 7 rebounds. Traci Trudel added 9 points and sophomore Lisa Suffriti canned 8 from the bench.

AHS assumed the command chair in the second

period when it outscored the Falcons in a 23-9 run.

DeSimone sank 10 of her 18 points in those eight minutes. Clark also found the hoop repeatedly, hitting several key shots to add to the Brownies' stock.

"This game was somewhat of a letdown after our big win over Chicopee last Friday. We really put so much into that one I think we were a bit flat vs. Minnechaug but we did have more than enough to win," said Conte.

The Brownies outthrustled, outplayed, and completely outdid regional power Chicopee High, 61-46, on January 6th.

Lori DeSimone scored a game-high 20 points.

"The girls really gave a super effort in this game."

They hustled and rebounded incredibly. This was the best game we've played all year."

In the opening five minutes, DeSimone set the tempo for AHS by scoring 4 points, getting 3 steals, and adding a rebound.

Forward Alyson Manning grabbed 2 of her 6 rebounds as well as adding 2 steals in four crucial minutes during the third period when the contest was still well within Chicopee's grasp (AHS led 23-21 at the intermission).

Sophomore guard Joy Clark added 16 points to the big effort, while Karen Patterson hit 14 of her own to pace the win. Both players were superb on defense as well.

Clark was all over the floor chasing and diving for balls.

She converted a steal into two Brownies' points with 13 seconds left in the third quarter for a 43-37 lead. Twenty seconds into the final stanza, Clark swished a 15-footer to open the lead to eight.

This ignited a 9-1 burst in the first 2:20 of the quarter that sent AHS into the winner's circle.

Patterson scored all her points in the second half, including 8 in a tight third period.

"Karen and Alyson had great games defensively. Karen did a great job defending Leslie Goff (the Pacers' star) and Alyson played the boards well (5 second half rebounds)," praised Conte.

He added, "And I can't say enough about Joy (Clark). She hustled and hustled. Every loose ball was ours."

On a downbeat note for AHS, star forward Cathy Scaggs underwent arthroscopic surgery on her right knee at presstime. She averaged 14 points and 8 rebounds last season. She injured her knee the day before the seasonal opener vs. West Side last month.

Conte remains optimistic about her return this season. "First, we'll have to see what the doctors say. The doctor was very optimistic. If everything goes well, she might be back the first or second week in February."

The Brownies faced Northampton on Thursday, January 12th, and then have a week off before the Longmeadow Lancers come across the bridge to AHS on Friday, January 20th.

Brownie Matmen Destroy Amherst, East Longmeadow; Now 3-1

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Agawam High wrestling coach Phil Tomkiel remains pleased with the way things are progressing in 1988-89 after his team's storybook state championship a year ago.

After the team's opening loss to Division II power Quabbin, ending a 43-match win streak by AHS, the locals have won three straight dual meets, as well as placing second in the Annual Christmas Tournament at Agawam High (Quabbin won this, too).

"I think we're progressing very well," said Tomkiel. "In our meet with Amherst, we had eight pins and we had 10 pins and a technical fall against East Longmeadow. You can't ask for anything more than that."

Tomkiel is quick to remind that this is the same team that lost nine starters to graduation last spring. He thinks the key to Agawam's 3-1 start in 1988-89 is the overall depth and talent in the ranks.

"Overall, we've got great depth in this program. The guys on the junior varsity team come in here and push the starters every day in practice. The teams we face (Cathedral, Central, Longmeadow, and Westfield) each have a few really good wrestlers. We've got good wrestlers from top to bottom."

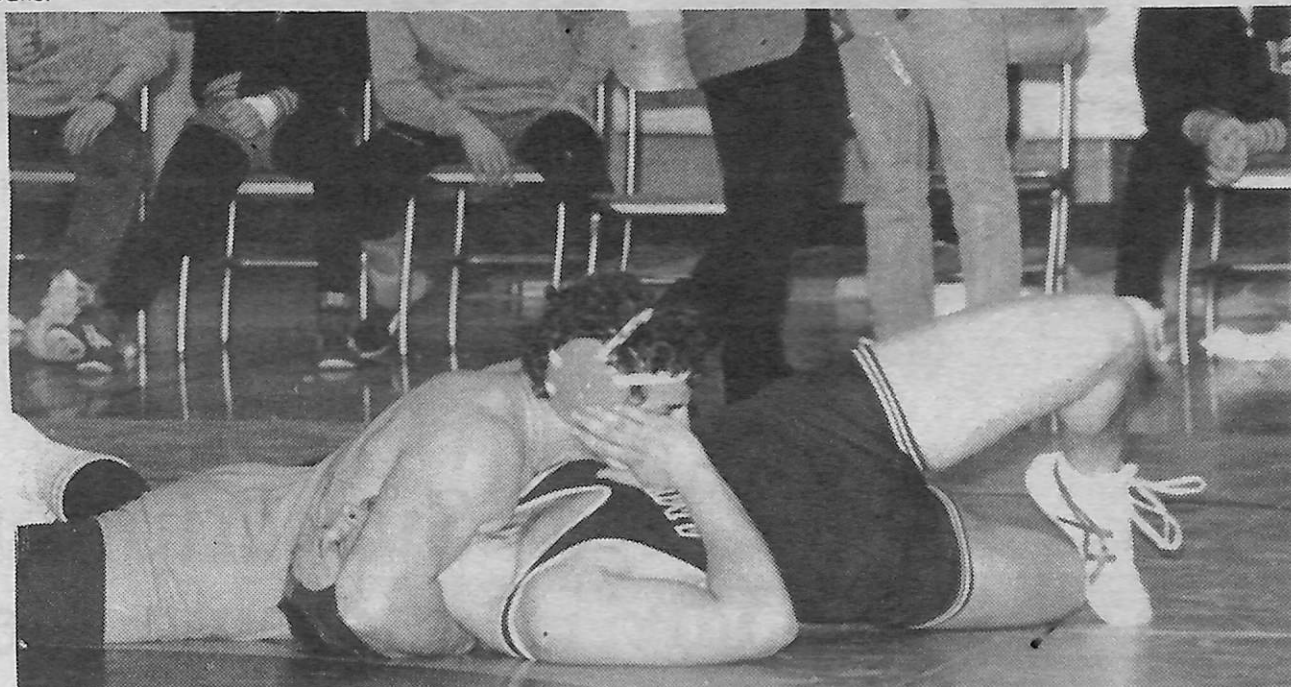
The Brownies bashed and bruised Amherst, 69-3, Saturday, January 7th. Here's how the scorecard looked:

103 pounds - Chris Corriveau defeated Thien Tran, 7-0; **112 pounds** - Dana Almquist won by default; **119** - Dan Felix pinned Rick Brown in 33 seconds; **125** - Charlie Weber pinned Nick Rosen in 4:57; **130** - Bob Campbell pinned Jose Suarez in 1:41; **135** - Frank Demarinis won by default; **140** - Pat Clarke pinned Dave Young in 4:54; **145** - Jeff Clarke lost his decision to Tim O'Brien, 12-5; **152** - Chris Jabry pinned Dan Linares in 2:25; **160** - Bill Berte pinned Mike Brown in 4:40.

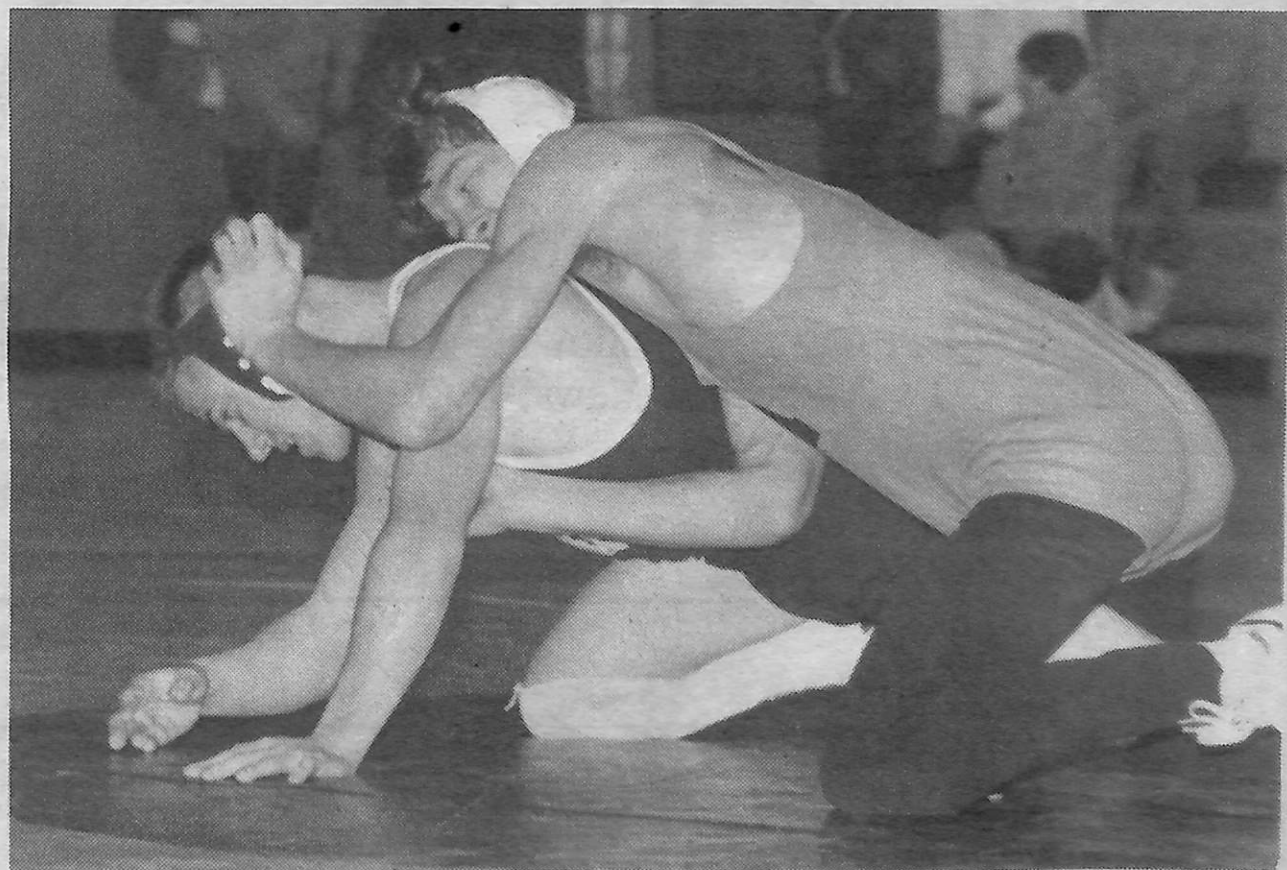
Also, **171** - Jeff Retzler pinned Herb Avellan in 1:14; **189** - Rich DiLullo pinned Scott Walen in 3:00; and **heavyweight** - Ken Blews won by default.

Here's how things looked in the Brownies' 68-6 win over East Longmeadow:

103 pounds - Chris Corriveau was pinned by Matt Connors in 33 seconds; **112** - Dana Almquist won by technical fall over Scott Patneude; **119** - Dan Felix pinned Scott Smith in 1:13; **125** - Charlie Weber pinned Ron Burns in 2:56; **130** - Bob Campbell pinned Jim Paschetta in 2:30; **135** - Frank Demarinis pinned Shawn Carish in 3:30; **140** - Pat Clarke pinned Jim Calabrese in 3:14; **145** - Jeff Clarke pinned Mike Mitchell in 5:35; **152** - Bill Berte pinned Aldo Fazio in 1:11; **160** - Chris Jabry defeated John Reilly, 7-4.



SENIOR CO-CAPTAIN RICH DILULLO (189 pounds) is about to put the finishing touches on Amherst opponent Scott Walen last Saturday at Agawam High. DiLullo pinned Walen in three minutes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

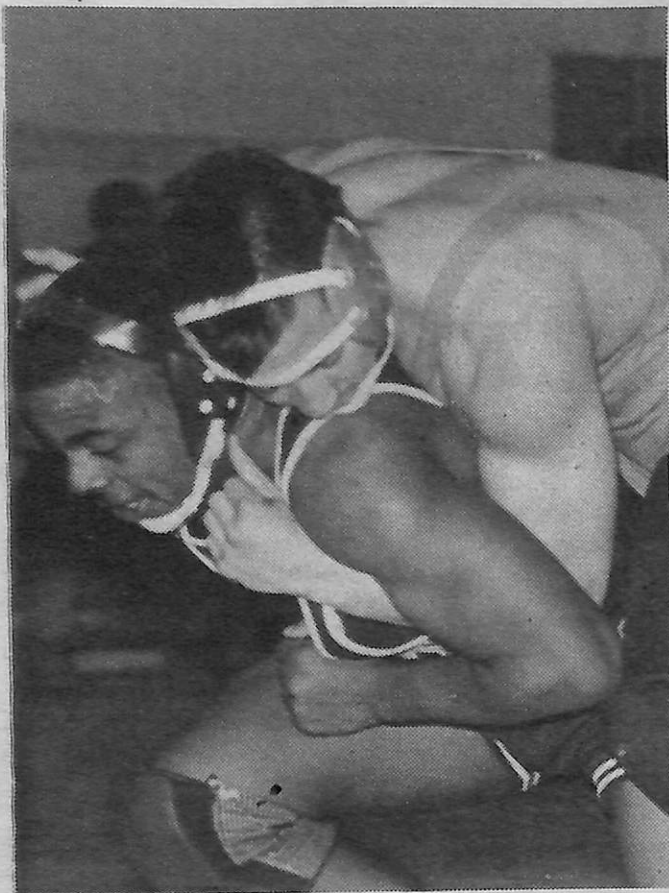


IN A TOUGH BATTLE, Agawam's Jeff Clarke (145-pounds-right) was decisioned by Amherst's Tim O'Brien, 12-5. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ON THE MATS NOTES: Senior Bill Berte (152) was named TV-22's "Athlete of the Week." Berte won this distinction because of his undefeated record in competition so far this season. In seven matches Berte has six victories by pin and one by decision to his credit.

This weekend the Brownies travel to Brockton to compete and defend their 1988 Commonwealth Cup title. Eight of the top teams in the state will participate. In the quarterfinal round AHS meets Winchester. If the local survive this test, a semi-final matchup vs. the winner of the Lowell High/Marshfield High match will be on tap.



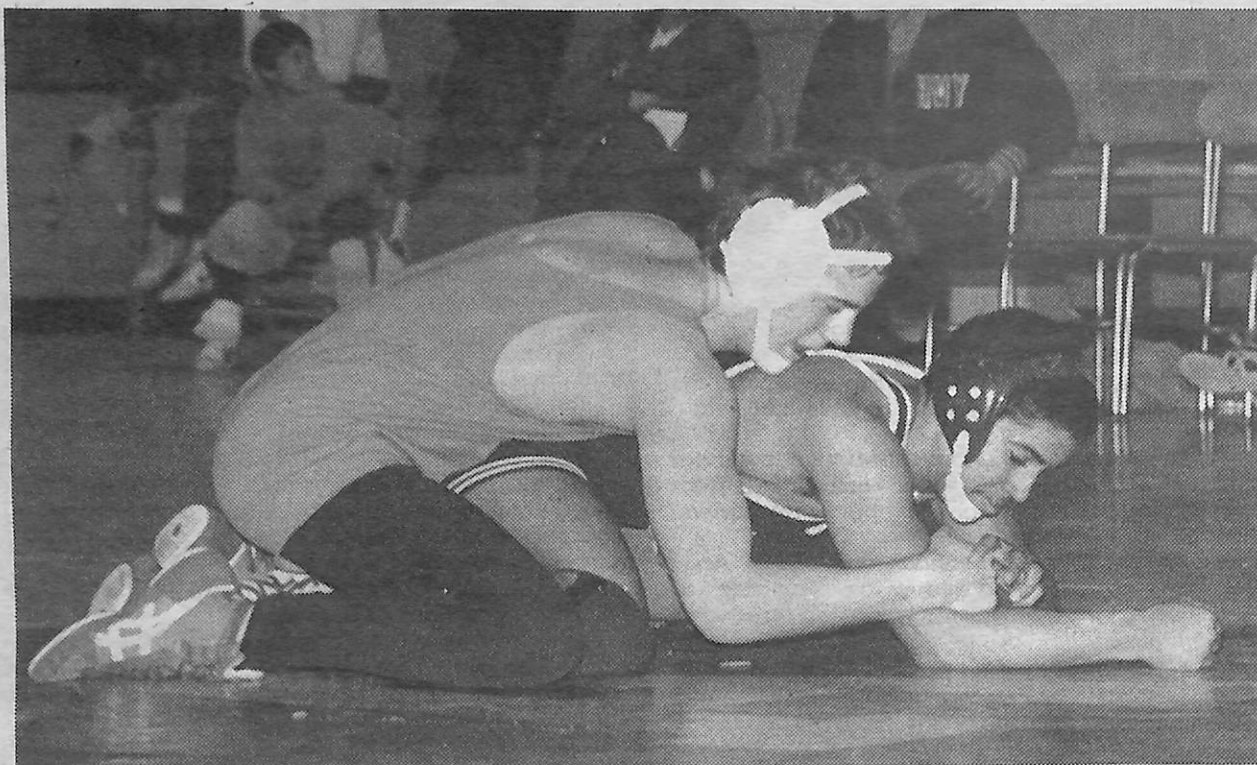
BILL BERTE, wrestling at 160-pounds (instead of 152) pinned Aldo Fazio of Amherst in 1:11.

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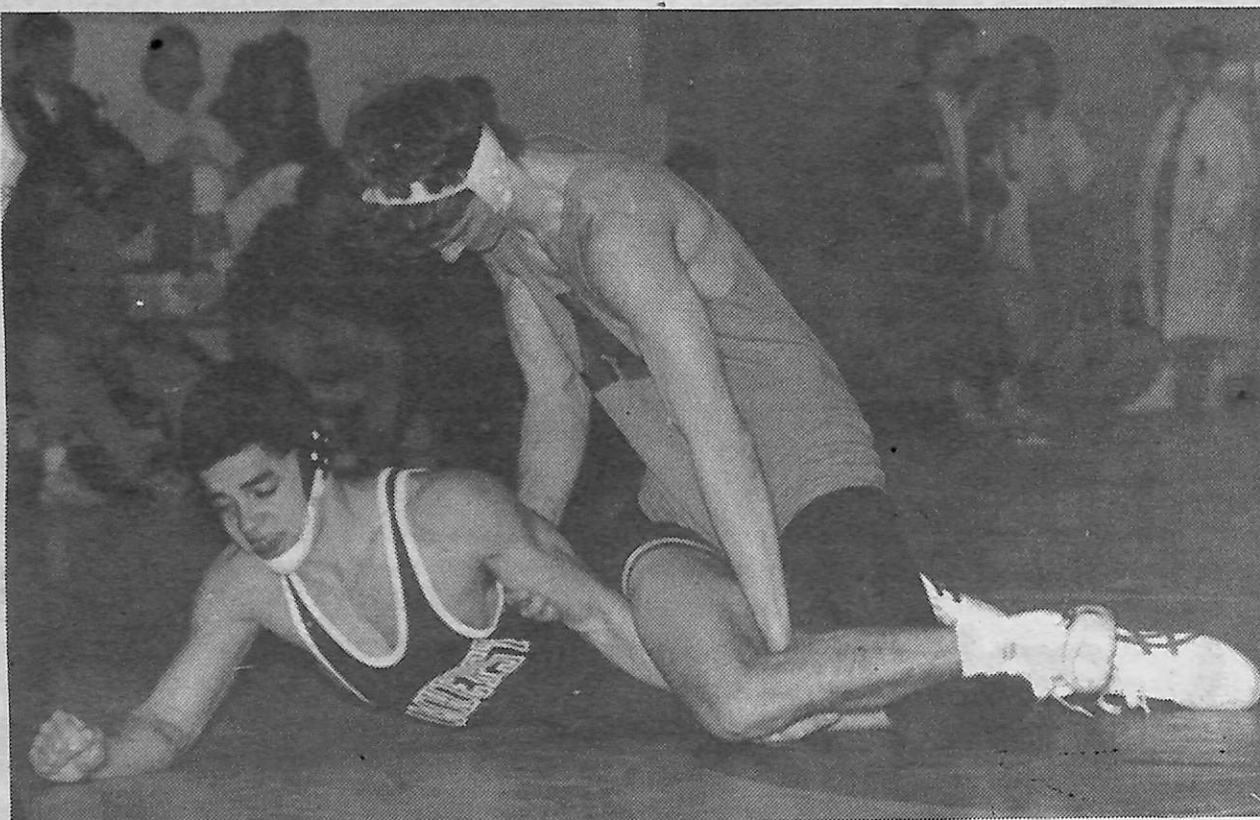
Agawam Recreation Dept. Looking For Volleyball Players

The Agawam Recreation Department is running a Men's Volleyball Program every Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Robinson Park School on Begley Street. Cost of the program is \$20. The program runs until March 28th.

Registrations will be taken at the recreation office located at the high school-right, rear entrance, or at the program on Tuesday, January 17th.

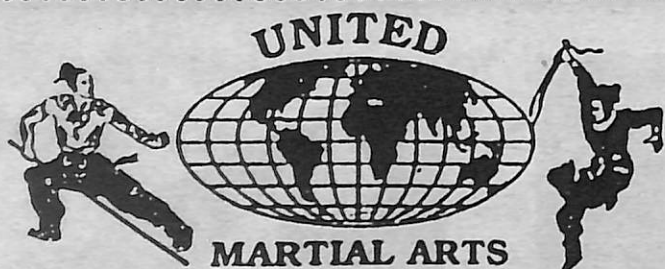


AGAWAM'S CHRIS JABRY (152 pounds) had no problems with Amherst's Dan Linares last Saturday. Jabry pinned in 2:25. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT 140-POUNDS, Agawam's Pat Clarke (top) flexes his muscles before pinning Dave Young in 4:54. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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PAIN RELIEF



After Near Stunning Upset Of Central High, Brownies Hoop Hits Skids Vs. Chicopee, 74-51

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

The Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde act continued for the Agawam High boys' hoop team this week.

After giving a tremendous effort against heavy odds when facing Western Mass. power Central High last Friday night (66-62 loss), the Brownies dropped to 3-5 overall when they were bombed by Chicopee High, Tuesday, January 10th.

The Brownies poor play had coach Mike Martin speechless. He had expected much better things from his charges, especially in light of what happened vs. Central.

"I really don't know what happened out there. After Friday's game I thought we were where we wanted to be," lamented Martin. "I was really looking forward to our last 13 games."

The Brownies only trailed, 14-10, after one period vs. Chicopee. But it was all downhill after that as the Pacers really laid the wood to the locals.

The Pacers charged out of the gate in the second quarter and outscored AHS by a 21-11 margin behind a 17-point effort by Scott Stefanik (35-21 halftime lead).

The third period saw the Brownies completely fall apart.

"They really outthrustled and outplayed us out there. Chicopee is a good team, there's no doubt about that. I know we can play much better, however. Our kids just gave up on the game and themselves tonight," said Martin.

At the beginning of the third quarter, the Brownies did close to 10 points before the Pacers began another run which really put the lid on this one, 46-26.

With 6:15 remaining, Martin cleared his bench and inserted the second unit.

The Pacers upped it to 51-28 before the bench hit a 9-4 run, bringing the score to 55-37.

Though the game was out of reach, the second team hustled, played good defense, and got the most out of the chance Martin gave them to show their stuff.

Martin had strong praise for his backups.

"These guys (Mike Wright, Mike Cleavall, Joe Modzelewski, John Regish, and Travis Hyland) did very well. They outthrustled and outplayed Chicopee for a good spell," he said.

Erich Fogg led AHS with 10 points and 4 rebounds. Matt Gibby followed with 7, and Todd Hyland added 6.

The locals played the game of their life when facing a heavily favored Central High team, featuring sophomore sensation Travis Best (ripped the cords for a career high 37 points).

And believe it - the Brownies had their chances to post the huge upset.

The Brownies held leads of 18-6 and 20-12 in a stunning first quarter behind the three-point bombs of senior John Serra. Serra would finish with four hoops from long range and a season-high 19 points.

Central inched its way back into the game after being staggered in the early-going. The city team trailed by 33-30 at the intermission.

"We played well and were mentally in this game. We should have had it. The third quarter was the difference," said Martin.

Trailing by 45-40, the Golden Eagles went on a 9-0 tear and led 49-45 before going into the final period with a 54-49 advantage.

The Brownies had a chance to take this one but were hurt when junior guard Jason Wooley fouled out early in the quarter. This left the Brownies without their best ball handler which really hurt.

Playing fine games were senior guard Aaron Vanderhoof, Matt Gibby, and Erich Fogg.

Next on the slate is the team that made Martin famous, Commerce High, the school he coached to a bevy of Western Mass. titles. The two teams will face Friday, January 13th, in Springfield. The Brownies then travel to Northampton, Tuesday, January 17th.

March Of Dimes Slates Sno-Ball Softball Tournament

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation has set the dates for its annual "Sno-Ball Softball Tournament" for February 4th-5th, at Walker Stadium in Forest Park.

The event is a part of the Winter Festival. Teams from local businesses, taverns, bars, clubs, churches, and even family members join up to play a game of softball for a good cause.

Sign-up forms are available by calling the March of Dimes office during regular business hours at 739-9601, or Jeffrey White, the event coordinator, 786-3389 evenings.

All proceeds benefit the local March of Dimes and their efforts of preventing birth defects. Massachusetts has the worse record of baby deaths in the United States. More babies are born dead and damaged in Massachusetts than in any other state. The March of Dimes, through education, funding, medical services, and research programs is leading the way for healthier babies.

Suburban Youth Football Team Slates Organizational Meeting

There will be an important meeting for all interested people who would like to form a fifth/sixth grade and seventh/eighth grade suburban football team; play to begin in the fall of 1989.

The meeting will be held on Monday night, January 23rd, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, starting at 7:00 p.m. Coaches will also be needed, and if interested, please attend.



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MEMBERS OF THE 1988-89 AHS GIRLS' junior varsity basketball team. Back row, from left - Kristin Alechny, Katie Burns, Jenn Lomelino, Sue Lovely, Sheila Martin, and coach Paul Bachini. Front row - Andrea Parent, Christine Chausse, Holly Vassallo, and Jodi Polep. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PLEASE REMEMBER our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Our office will be open all day on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 16th. Also, please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice for him to appear at your event. If we can be of help, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137.

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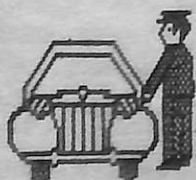
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Cathy Rahilly To Compete In Special Olympic Games

Massachusetts Special Olympics has announced its team for the Fourth International Winter Special Olympics Games in Reno, Nevada, and Lake Tahoe, California, from April 1st to April 8th. The team will include the figure skating talents of Feeding Hills' Cathy Rahilly.

The 31 competitors and five alternates have been selected from an estimated 6,000 athletes who participate throughout the year in Massachusetts' statewide sports training and competition program for people with mental retardation.

Massachusetts athletes will vie for the gold against 1,400 athletes from every U.S. state and more than 20 countries around the world, and are expected to live-up to the state's excellent record of success in past international games. They will compete in five sports—alpine skiing, nordic skiing, figure skating, speed skating, and floor hockey.

Competitions will be held at various sites in Squaw Valley, Reno, and Lake Tahoe. In addition to the sports, athletes and their families will also enjoy cultural exchange events, educational clinics, musical shows, and receptions.

According to M.S.O. Executive Director Roger W. Brown, "We're really proud of our team. All the athletes have participated in many Special Olympics events over the years, and these games represent for them, indeed for all of us, the pinnacle of their achievements. The competition will be tough. The athletes and their coaches know that, and they're training hard in preparation to meet that challenge."

During the first week of April, the eyes of the world will focus on the Fourth International Winter Special Olympics Games as 1,400 athletes unite the world in the spirit of Special Olympics. For our team from Massachusetts, this will be their time to shine—their chance to turn their dreams to gold.

Clark School's Father-Son Banquet To Host Mike Martin

Mike Martin, Boys' Basketball coach at Agawam High School, will be the guest speaker at James Clark School's Father-Son Night, Wednesday, January 18th.

Martin retired from Commerce High as a winning basketball coach and came to Agawam five years ago. At that time Agawam was 0-56. He has turned basketball around in Agawam, bringing the team to tournament three years in a row.

Basketball is an important part of his life, and he is eager to share his enthusiasm with the youngsters. An invitation is extended to all fathers and sons, young or old to spend the evening at Clark School. Martin will begin speaking at 7:30 p.m.

Autoparts Swap N'Sell At Big E Jan. 21-22nd

Budweiser 'The King of Beers' and Anheuser Busch, Inc., St. Louis, have approached the management of New England's largest indoor all-automotive flea market, **Autoparts Swap N'Sell** about a brand new exposure package that will be tested for the first time in New England on Saturday and Sunday, January 21st and 22nd, at the Eastern States Exposition Center.

The new Budweiser program is for indoor events that have high visibility, but are not usually classified in their old promotional package. What makes this program so important is the location, the type of client, and the nature of the show.

Autoparts Swap N'Sell had been sponsored in the past by Williams Distributing and the Bud Light brand. It is because of the relationship that Budweiser and Williams has selected the Automotive Flea Market. "It's a first class event with good attendance and the company that runs it does a great job," said Jim Sadowsky of Williams Distributing.

This year's event has been sold-out for vendors' space for several months. It is the largest heated indoor swap meet of its type in New England, as the building

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The hard to find and latest in new factory items will be on display.

It's the show of shows, and it happens only once a year in West Springfield at the Eastern States Fairgrounds in the Better Living Center.

Vendors noted on a national level include Morosso, Accel Ignition, Crager, National Parts Peddler, Hemmings Motor News, Auto Hunter, Model A of America, Mustangs Unlimited, J.F.Z., Hoosier, and much more. Several enclosed trailer companies will offer show specials.

Don't miss it. No matter what it's like outside, it will be hot inside at Autoparts Swap N'Sell.

Adult Softball To Meet January 30th

An organizational meeting for the Agawam Adult Slo-Pitch Softball League will be held Monday night, January 30th, at the Buccaneer Lounge on Maple Street.

The Women's League meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., and the Men's League will meet at 8:00 p.m.

There are a few openings in all leagues. Opening day will be Sunday, April 30th, for the Men's League, and Monday, May 1st, for the Women's League.

For further information, contact the Recreation Department, 786-0400, extension 467.

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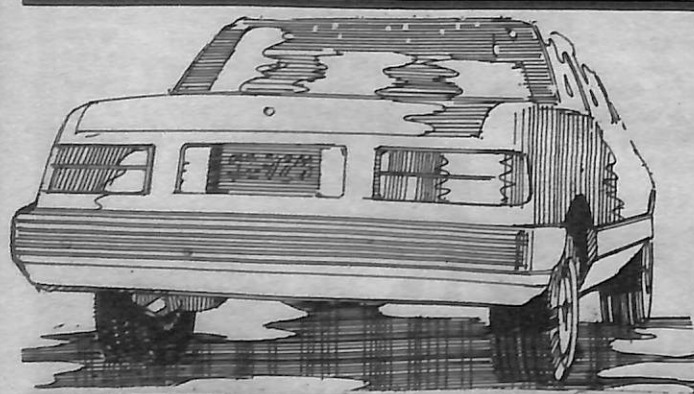
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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

Vermont's deer herd is building up. We hear this from hunters that have hunted this past year that they will be looking for other more lucrative states to spend a week looking for deer. Yet, the tally put out by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for this past season is 6,399 bucks, which is higher than last year (8 percent above).

This year, the Fish and Game did not issue doe permits. This fact should contribute to a higher deer population this coming June.

Deer project leader Ronald Regan says, "The combined factors of the mild 1987-88 winter and reduced doe harvests in 1986 and 1987 brought about a slight increase in Vermont's deer herd before hunting season to approximately 70,000 animals."

Last spring, Regan noted that a herd of this size could support up to a 10 percent increase in the 1988 buck harvest.

The 1988 archery season shows a drop in deer kills from last year's 958 to this year's preliminary total of 626, a difference of 35 percent. Deer biologists are hesitant to speculate on the reasons for the decrease but suggest that license sales, hunter pressure, weather, and deer feeding patterns could all have some impact.

Richard Joyal of Derby, Vermont, took the largest buck this season.

After several days hunting the remote wilds of the Northeast Kingdom and seeing the sign left by a monster buck, Rich got lucky.

It was November 19th, a noisy day in the woods with little snow on the ground, high on Seneca Mountain. The size and depth of the track, combined with abundant scrapes, were enough to convince Joyal this was an exceptional buck. Walking slowly and stopping to examine every detail of the terrain, Joyal suddenly heard a heavy animal approaching. His first thought was "moose." But 50 yards below, coming through some softwoods, he could see the rack, head, and neck of the buck.

Waiting for the right moment, Rich brought up his 30-06 pump and cleanly dropped the buck where it stood. The buck weighed in at 252 pounds (cleanly dressed). It had a symmetric eight-point rack.

Plan Ahead For 1989

Turkey hunters wishing to hunt on state land in Northwestern Connecticut (zones A & E) during the 1989 spring turkey season must obtain their permits through the state land lottery.

The spring turkey season in the lottery zones will be divided into segments, May 3rd-11th and May 12th-23rd. These zones with high turkey populations are popular with hunters. The lottery is necessary to limit hunter density reports Dale May, turkey leader.

Applications must be postmarked by February 1st, 1989 to be entered into the lottery selection process. Complete application instructions and zone definitions are detailed in the 1989 Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Field Guide, available from all Town Clerks and license-issuing agents.

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Sixth Week Tightens Pack In Tri-Parish Bowl

On the sixth week of rolling in Round Two of the Monday night Tri-Parish League, G-Town (1st place-19 wins) split with fourth place Notre Dame (15 wins), and third place St. Michael (16 wins) managed to climb up the ladder, while second place Fordham (17 wins) got bumped by St. Anselm (7th place-11 wins).

In the G-Town - Notre Dame split, ND was led by a 32-pin victory by lead-off roller BOB PICKETT (277). He was the only ND winner on the night. G-Town winners included VI MASSOIA (297), who rather enjoys her new role on G-Town (she was the former captain of some poor St. Anselm team), "Jungle" JIM BURLINGHAM, and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOC-CIO (329). Moccio totally rattled ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO (299).

Second place Fordham watched a huge opportunity to gain on G-Town fall by the wayside when charged-up St. A's came in and grabbed three wins to one.

St. A's winners were our AT&T gal, DEBBIE GEORGE (285), RICHIE "I Do Better In Other Leagues" SNYDER (318), and captain TONY KOZAK (309). Kozak, who has been rather savagely treated by several other captains in the league this year (Moccio, Stork, etc.), defeated ANN O'CONNELL (293). Having a good night for Fordham in a losing effort was SANDY PRZESZLO (308-over a very distraught JEAN BUONICONTI -267).

Third place St. Michael outfought and blasted 8th place Boston College (11 wins). St. Mike's winners included CHRIS ORIFICE (247), AUDREY PHILLIPS (288), ED SCHULTSKI (huge 328), and captain STU "The Mad Stork" STORK (354). Storkie stopped BC captain JOHN O'CONNELL in a big grudge match-up. Storkie fashions an average of 116.7, and said "no way" to O'Connell's strong shooting of 107.20 coming in.

Prediction: Watch-out G-Town if St. Mike's suddenly gets hot. "The Mad Stork" could be a huge factor if his

team gets into the Grand Championship Roll-Offs.

Fifth place St. Mary (15 wins) remained within distance of first place by snaring three wins over faltering and disappointing Loyola (11th place-6 wins).

St. Mary's winners were STELLA BARBIERI (270), ED GALLERANI (340-a magnificent night for Ed/new High Single record in Class B with 137-string/also shattered the previous high pinfall for three strings by 16 pins), and captain JOHN PROVOST (345). Provost is in second place with a lofty 109.2 average in the Open Class (behind none other than "The Mad Stork").

The only Loyola winner was CHRIS STEPANIAN (264).

Not good-not bad Catholic University (6th place-12 wins) took three victories from ninth place Villanova (10 wins).

CU winners included CAROLINE COELN (288), KATHY BURLINGHAM (300-297 winner over PAUL LAGODITZ), and FRANK CERPOVICZ (288).

In the battle of the two captains, Villanova captain RENEE JURY (301) managed to hold-off JIM SNYDER of CU (293).

In the final match of the night, lowly Holy Cross (10th place-6 wins) faced even lower St. Louis (last place-6 wins). The result of this titanic struggle: two wins each.

HC winners were BLANCHE SODEN (283) and captain LARRY VIENS (347). Viens demolished St. Lou's substitute captain, LOU MULDER (293). "Lou needs to get acclimated to the alleys," was how former St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER explained what happened. Debbie is out for the rest of the year as she is expecting her second child.

In the aftermath, Viens set a new Class AA High Single record for this year (141). He just missed the High Triple which is held by John Resigno.

St. Lou winners were VENETTA SNYDER (257) and RIC KOZAK (292).

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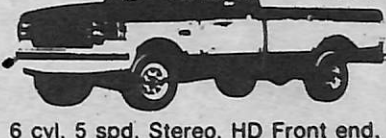
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An ordinance amending the Town Code of the Town of Agawam Chapter 20, Section 11 entitled

"SPECIAL PERMITS"

Amend 1st paragraph of Section 20-11 to read as follows:

Sec. 20-11 Special Use Permits Exceptions

1. Authority and Rules

The Board of Appeals by virtue of the authority vested in it by statute may, after public notice and hearing, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards grant a Special Use Permit Exception to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter. The special permit granting authority may adopt and from time to time amend rules and regulations relative to the issuance of such permits and shall file a copy of said rules and regulations in the office of the Town Clerk.

2. Hearing, Notice and Decision

a. The Special permit granting authority shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days after the filing of an application with the special permit granting authority, a copy of which shall forthwith be given to the Town Clerk by the applicant.

b. The special permit granting authority shall require notice be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days before the hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in Town Hall. Notice shall be sent by mail, postage prepaid, to the petitioner, abutters, owners of land within three hundred (300) feet of the property line as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list including those in another city or town, the Planning Boards of all abutting cities and towns. Such notice shall be prepared, published, posted and mailed by the Board of Appeals.

c. The special permit granting authority shall act within ninety (90) days following the public hearing. Failure to take final action upon an application for a

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special permit within said ninety (90) days shall be deemed a grant of the permit applied for.

Upon the granting of a special permit, a copy shall be issued to the owner and the applicant if other than the owner of the property, certified by the special permit granting authority. No special permit shall take effect until a copy of the decision certified by the Town Clerk that twenty (20) days have elapsed and no appeal has been filed, or that if such appeal has been filed that it has been dismissed or denied, is recorded in the Registry of Deeds wherein the land is located.

3. Duration

A special permit granted by the special permit granting authority shall lapse if a substantial use thereof has not commenced within two years, or in the case of construction, if construction has not begun within said two years. Exception may be made for good cause by the special permit granting authority.

4. Special Consideration

Special permits shall be issued by the special permit granting authority for uses, whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, which are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production where the special permit granting authority finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good.

5. Planning Board Report

The Planning Board shall transmit a report to the special permit granting authority on each special permit application. The Planning Board shall be notified at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing on such a special permit. However, the special permit granting authority may act in the absence of a report from the Planning Board after this fourteen day period.

6. Zoning Officer Report

The Zoning Officer shall transmit a report to the special permit granting authority on each special permit application. The Zoning Officer shall be notified at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing on such a special permit. However, the special permit granting authority may act in the absence of a report from the Zoning Officer after this fourteen day period.

7. Standards for Reviewing

The Board of Appeals shall not approve any such application for a Special Use Permit unless it finds in

its judgement all of the following conditions are met:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for such a use, building, structure or services.

2. The use as developed will not adversely affect the health, safety or property value of the neighborhood.

3. There will be no nuisance or potential hazard to vehicle or pedestrian safety.

4. That adequate and appropriate facilities and controls will be provided for the proper and safe operation of the proposed use or service.

The Special Use Exception may be granted for a specific use that is not considered so objectionable or obnoxious that the proposed use would be against the public interest or detrimental or injurious to the character of the neighborhood.

8. Conditions Attached to Special Permit Approvals
In approving a special permit, the special permit granting authority may attach such conditions and safeguards as are deemed necessary to protect the neighborhood such as, but not limited to, the following:

a. Requirement of front, side or rear yards greater than the minimum required by this Ordinance.

b. Requirement of screening of parking areas or other parts of the premises from adjoining premises or from the street, by walls, fences, planting, or other devices.

c. Modification of the exterior features or appearance of the structure.

d. Limitation of size, number of occupants, method or time of operation, or extent of facilities.

e. Regulation of number, design, and location of access drives or other traffic features.

9. Effect of Denial

If the special permit granting authority after said hearing denies the use applied for, no further application for the same use will be entertained by the Board of Appeals for a period of two (2) years from the date of said denial.

DATED THIS Thirteenth DAY OF December, 1988.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

Donald M. Rheault, President

Agawam Town Council

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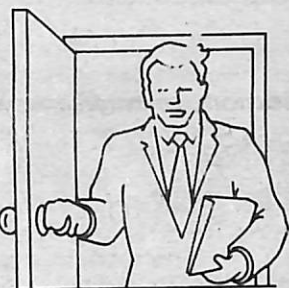


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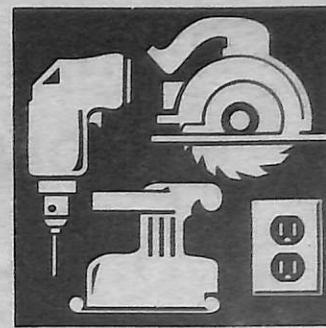
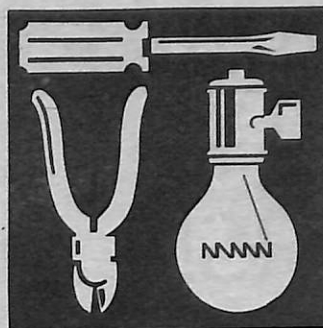
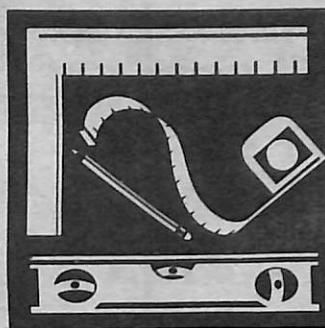
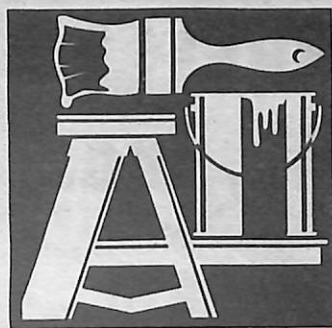
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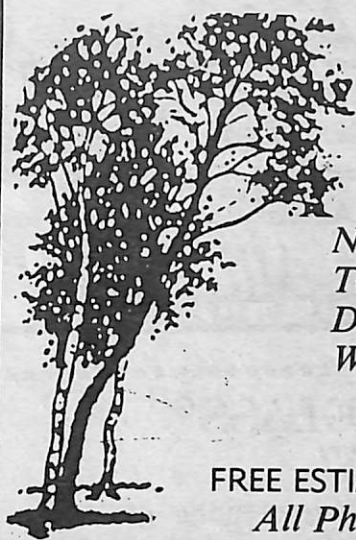
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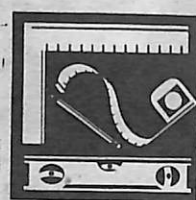
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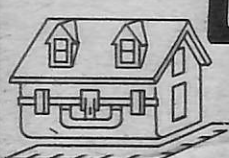
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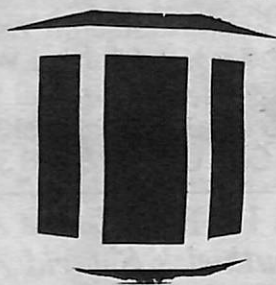
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FOUND: Gold wedding band with initials R.E.K. Contact Agawam Counseling Center, 786-6410.

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Thank you St. Jude. For prayers answered. C.G.

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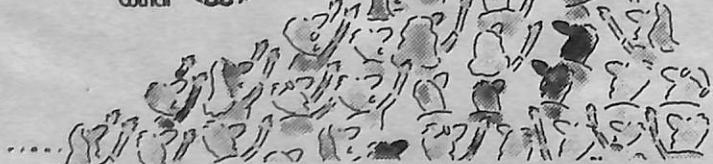


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